

Weather

Experiment Station report for 24 hours ending at 7 a.m. Thursday, High 80, Low 48

Forecast
ARKANSAS — Sunny today and Friday, Windy and cooler today. Fair and colder tonight with diminishing winds. Cooler Friday. High today upper 50s to low 70s. Low tonight 30s north to 40s south.

Weather Elsewhere

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

	High	Low
Albany, cloudy	51	34
Albuquerque, cloudy	65	37
Atlanta, clear	70	44
Bismarck, clear	35	25
Boise, clear	50	34
Boston, rain	39	35
Buffalo, clear	51	28
Chicago, cloudy	62	36
Cincinnati, cloudy	74	40
Cleveland, cloudy	64	45
Denver, clear	52	25
Des Moines, rain	62	35
Detroit, cloudy	67	34
Fairbanks, cloudy	22	9
Fort Worth, clear	83	52
Helena, clear	40	20
Honolulu, cloudy	82	70
Indianapolis, cloudy	73	46
Jacksonville, clear	73	49
Juneau, cloudy	32	29
Kansas City, cloudy	78	42
Los Angeles, cloudy	74	55
Louisville, cloudy	77	50
Memphis, clear	78	58
Miami, cloudy	82	63
Milwaukee, rain	45	32
Mpls.-St. P., rain	47	34
New Orleans, fog	76	48
New York, cloudy	57	43
Oklahoma City, clear	82	38
Omaha, snow	61	31
Philadelphia, cloudy	61	40
Phoenix, cloudy	82	49
Pittsburgh, cloudy	69	38
Pltnd, Me., snow	37	31
Pltnd, Ore., cloudy	56	33
Rapid City, clear	50	31
Richmond, clear	68	34
St. Louis, cloudy	78	49
Salt Lk. City, cloudy	48	28
San Diego, cloudy	68	51
San Fran., cloudy	63	49
Seattle, cloudy	52	41
Tampa, cloudy	67	54
Washington, cloudy	70	41
Winnipeg, clear	28	10

Political Czar Perez Dies

in Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Leander H. Perez Sr., a short-tempered political czar once excommunicated by the Roman Catholic Church for resisting racial integration, is dead at the age of 77.

The multimillionaire boss of oil-rich Plaquemines Parish, whose wrath at various times centered on Negroes, Jews, political opponents and the U.S. Navy, was stricken with a heart attack Wednesday night at his Idlewild plantation.

He had been released Monday from a New Orleans hospital where he was treated for a heart attack suffered on Jan. 10.

Perez once declared he would oppose racial integration "til death." He was excommunicated in 1962 for blocking the opening of a Plaquemines parochial school which had admitted Negroes.

HEARING TESTS SET FOR HEMPSTEAD COUNTY

Free Electronic hearing tests will be given in Hope on Friday, March 21. Anyone that has trouble hearing or understanding is welcome to come for a free test using the latest electronic equipment to determine his or her particular degree of hearing loss.

Diagrams showing how the ear works and some of the causes of hearing loss will be available. Visitors can also see how a simple operation on the ear has helped thousands of people to hear again and how the latest electronic developments are helping thousands more.

Everyone should have a hearing test at least once a year if they have any trouble at all hearing clearly. Even people now wearing a hearing aid or those that have been told that nothing could be done for them should have a hearing test and should find out about the latest methods of hearing corrections.

The free hearing tests in Hope will be held at 217 South Main in Bill Ellis Insurance Office on Friday, March 21 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Mr. Tom Purvis will conduct the tests through the courtesy of the Beltone Hearing Service, 516 Wood Street, (across from the post office), Texarkana, Ark.

Peru Seizes More U.S. Fishing Boats

By JOE MCGOWAN
Associated Press Writer
LIMA, Peru (AP) — Peru seized two more U.S. tuna boats but released them Wednesday night after their captains paid \$25,000 in fines.

The incident could complicate the negotiations John Irwin, a special representative of President Nixon, is beginning with the Peruvian government over the expropriation of U.S. oil properties.

Irwin, who arrived last week, declined to comment on the seizure of the two ships from San Diego, Calif., the Cape Anne and the San Juan, 23 miles off the north coast of this Andean nation.

A Peruvian torpedo boat took the two U.S. ships in tow. Peru claims a 200-mile territorial fishing limit while the United States and most other nations recognize a 12-mile limit.

For the San Juan, whose captain had to pay a \$17,000 fine, it was the second encounter with Peruvian naval power. Last Feb. 14, when a gunboat seized another U.S. ship, the San Juan was fired on.

The Cape Anne, whose captain paid an \$8,000 fine, was involved in a similar incident in 1965 when it sailed under the name Mayflower, maritime sources here said. Then it was sailing 75 miles offshore when a Peruvian vessel fired at it, slightly wounding an American seaman.

In Washington, several congressmen called for reprisals against Peru, and Rep. Thomas M. Pelly, R-Wash., said there have been nearly 80 "illegal" seizures of American tuna boats on Latin-American coasts since 1961.

Rep. Edward A. Garmatz, D-Md., introduced a resolution demanding the return of the U.S. destroyer Isherwood, which is on loan to Peru. U.S. law already provides for the return of such warships from countries that illegally seize U.S. fishing boats.

Irwin is continuing his talks with government officials about the expropriation of the International Petroleum Co., a subsidiary of Standard Oil of New Jersey.

There are indications that the \$890 million debt Peru claims the company owes it may be negotiable which could lead to an agreement on the seized property.

Irwin also has conferred with American mining officials and representatives of the fishing industry but there was no indication the fishing dispute had been discussed.

Change Comes in Behavior of Sirhan

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — A change has come in the courtroom behavior of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan as his mind is probed, poked and dissected day after day before the jury trying him for the murder of Robert F. Kennedy.

Once attentive, he now barely glances at the witnesses. Once easily aroused to fury by any suggestion that he is mentally ill, Sirhan now sits quietly—almost dreamily—as psychologists say he is sick and getting sicker.

There was one such occasion Wednesday as Dr. Roderick Richardson described him variously as:

Paranoid, bitter, rebellious, wordy, power-oriented, dependent, moralistic, vulnerable, frail, unpredictable, legalistic, critical, suspicious, unreasonable, aggressive and socially inadequate.

Sirhan busied himself reading a small stack of cards and telegrams sent him for his 25th birthday.

To observers who have been in court with Sirhan for more than 10 weeks of trial, it is obvious that he dislikes being portrayed as mentally ill, but his attorneys say he now realizes that it might save his life.

If the jury can be persuaded that Sirhan was mentally incapable of meaningfully premeditating the killing, it could return a lesser verdict than first-degree murder, which calls for life imprisonment or the gas chamber.

"Mr. Sirhan at the time of the assassination," Richardson said, "was in a state of gathering paranoid rage. Assassination serves as a release for a lot of pent-up paranoid feeling."



REV. W.H. RISINGER

The Rev. William H. Risinger, Jr., Vicar of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Third at Elm Street, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on Friday morning. The Rt. Rev. Robert R. Brown, the Bishop of Arkansas, will officiate at this service to be held at 10:30 a.m.

Father Risinger, a native of El Dorado, was graduated from Southern State College in 1963 with a B.S. degree in psychology and sociology. He attended the School of Theology of the University of the South for two years and completed his graduate work at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. His Clinical Pastoral Internship was undertaken at Terrell State Hospital in Terrell, Texas, where he received special training in counseling.

He and his wife, Charlotte, are at home at 524 Alice Street in Magnolia.

LEGISLATURE (from page one)

pense account bill to a vote twice during the day. It was defeated 71-19 prior to a recess for lunch and again when McClerkin announced his ruling.

However, the record of the vote by which the bill failed to pass was expunged both times, meaning the bill is still alive.

Maddox and Linder had been recorded as voting for the bill on the voting machine and also among four paired votes on the bill.

The measure would allow legislators to draw up to \$200 a month for legitimate expenses such as meals, lodging and mileage, telephone and telegraph service and for mail.

Proponents of the measure accused the news media of having painted a distorted picture of a similar measure which cleared the House earlier in the session.

rep. John Bethell of Des Arc said it had been identified as a pay raise. He said he resented this.

Opponents claimed the timing of the bill was poor, that the matter should be left up to the constitutional convention which will convene 20 days following the sine die adjournment of the legislature.

Rep. Jerry Bookout of Jonesboro said the bill was the "most misunderstood" measure that had come before the House in a long time.

He said his hometown newspaper printed a headline that "said my senator (Raymond 'Chubby' Hearn) voted against his pay raise. He knows what he's worth."

Sen. Max Howell of Little Rock offered the amendment to the cigarette tax bill, saying some House members had indicated they could support a four-cent increase.

The impasse developed when the Senate stood pat on their three-cent increase bill and the House on their five-cent increase. The tax is now eight cents per package.

The Senate also refused to suspend the rules and allow Sen. Clarence Bell of Parkin to introduce a bill that would increase the state sales tax from three per cent to four per cent.

Bell's bill would produce an estimated \$34 million but would earmark the funds — 39 per cent for public schools, 38 per cent for colleges and universities, 12 per cent for municipalities, eight per cent for counties, two per cent for vocational-technical schools and one per cent for the state Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission.

The upper chamber passed a bill by Rep. Jimmy D. Hunt of Jonesboro to subject state and federal banks to the state sales and use tax. The bill would raise an estimated \$300,000 in new money. It passed 24-1.

The House passed a code of ethics bill for public officials 95-0 Rep. B.D. "Doug" Brandon of Little Rock, the author, said the bill was "minor and weak" but that it was a step in the right direction.

It would require public officials to file with the secretary of state each year a list of the firms in which they had a

24 Persons Killed in Plane Crash

By DAVID STEINBERG
Associated Press Writer
NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A chartered plane carrying a group of Tennessee sportsmen crashed and burned while landing in a heavy fog this morning at New Orleans International Airport and one report said 19 men were killed.

Fire Chief William Mancuso of Kenner, who set up a temporary morgue at the airport, said there were 19 bodies visible in the wreckage.

Earlier, a spokesman for the Jefferson Parish sheriff's office said there were 24 persons aboard the DC3 and state police reported 11 survivors.

None of the survivors was listed in serious condition and only three were admitted to the hospital.

The plane, owned by the Avion Corporation of Houston, Tex., had been chartered by the West Tennessee Sportsmen's Association.

"A doctor said he counted 10 bodies in sight in the plane," said Jay Chatter, a lineman for the General Aviation Corp. "Myself, I saw about three bodies."

Threats Are Hurled at Peace Talks

PARIS (AP) — The Viet Cong charged today that President Nixon's threat of an "appropriate response" to the current Viet Cong offensive is a threat to escalate the war.

Opening the ninth session of the Paris peace talks, Tran Bui Kiem of the National Liberation Front, claimed sweeping victories for the Viet Cong in its offensive and said the United States "must bear full responsibility for the waste of G.I. lives."

"The Nixon administration dare not face the hard facts and draw a conclusion therefrom," said Kiem. "It still nurtures the hope of retrieving the situation by new military means and further threatens the Vietnamese people with 'appropriate response.' In other words, this is a threat of escalating the aggressive war."

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"I was convinced if I didn't plead guilty I was going to the electric chair. I wish the hell I hadn't now because with what they had on me I believe the worst I'd gotten would have been life."

Under a 99-year sentence, Ray, now 41, is ineligible to seek parole until he has served 30 years. With a life sentence he would be eligible in 13 years 7 months.

The lower chamber defeated two liquor bills, one that would legalize the sale of liquor in dry counties within 800 feet of the state boundary of any neighboring state permitting the sale of liquor. The other was a proposal to increase the number of options that could be placed before voters in a local option liquor election.

The Senate passed 28-0 a bill by Rep. Roscoe Brown of Jonesboro making it a misdemeanor to cause disruptions at private or public schools and colleges.

It sets a penalty of not less than \$200 fine and imprisonment of not less than six months.

Both chambers reconvened at 1 p.m. today.

The lower chamber also defeated 11-63 a bill by Nowotny that would have doubled the severance tax on natural gas.

Nowotny said studies showed that most of the severance taxes on natural resources were in line with neighboring states, but the tax on natural gas was considerably lower.

He said his bill would produce about \$400,000 annually in new revenue. It would have increased the tax from three mills to six mills per 1,000 cubic feet of gas.

A bill by Rep. L. L. "Doc" Bryan of Russellville to authorize the secretary of state to contract for the installation of 100 parking meters on the Capitol grounds was defeated 35-39.

In other action Wednesday, the House:

— Passed 78-0 a Senate bill providing that two-thirds of the net proceeds from the two additional days of dog racing at Southland Greyhound Park in West Memphis go to the Arkansas Children's Colony for improvements.

— Passed 76-6 a bill to impose a tax of three cents per acre on timberland, with the money being earmarked for the state Forestry Commission.

— Passed 81-0 a bill authorizing county courts to transfer balances in hospital bond redemption funds to hospital building funds when the debt is retired.

— Passed 68-5 a bill that would allow city police officers to accumulate 20 days sick leave annually, up to a maximum of 120 days, for which they would be paid if not used.



HARRY CAGLE

The appointment of Harry Cagle to the post of Vice President of J.A. West Company of Hope was announced today from the Corporation's home office in El Dorado, Arkansas.

Mr. Cagle, who is manager of the company's local store, has been with the West group for 14 years and was appointed manager here in 1963.

He lives at 1499 South Pine St. and he and his wife, Genie, have two children, Chris and Kelly. Mr. Cagle was raised at McGeehee and attended schools there. He is now Third Vice President of the Hope Lions Club.

The local West store is part of the J.A. West Company chain which operates 11 stores in Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. Originally a partnership, the company recently incorporated the stores.

RAY WANTS (from page one)

said in New York:

"I think that James Earl Ray enjoys the spotlight and any way he can keep the center of the stage he will do it. I wish him well. I don't think it advisable, but that's his responsibility, not mine."

Foreman reiterated his personal conviction that contrary to the views of many who suspect a conspiracy, Ray acted alone.

"James Earl Ray decided, and he alone decided, to kill Martin Luther King and could claim the glory," Foreman declared.

"I think James Earl Ray was a racist. He thought he would be a hero. He completely misconceived the thinking of the white race."

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Rebellion in Anguilla Put Down

By MAT ALLEN
ANGUILLA (AP) — British troops, broiled under the Caribbean sun today as they went through the motions of military occupation. The Anguillians remained quiet following the bloodless invasion of their tiny island.

"Doesn't this sun ever go down?" complained a sun-burned paratrooper manning a highway checkpoint.

The 35-square-mile island has few trees, and many of the young men flown out from cold, gloomy Britain were badly sunburned a few hours after their dawn landing Wednesday. Temperatures were in the upper 80s.

The 6,000 Anguillians offered no armed resistance to the occupation by 135 British paratroopers and marines, and there was only one major emotional outburst.

When acting President Ronald Webster called on British officers at their command headquarters Wednesday, a crowd of about 300 of his people hoisted him to their shoulders, shouted their support and sang the Anguillian freedom song to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Webster went to the school-house headquarters to arrange a meeting with the occupiers, which he said would be held today. However, he said he would hold no formal negotiations until the British troops are withdrawn.

Webster also protested the invasion in a note to London Wednesday night.

Anthony Lee, an official from London installed by the invasion force as commissioner for the island, said the British occupation might last several years. But the paratroops and marines are expected to depart soon, leaving a detachment of London police to keep the Union Jack flying.

The British government has assured the Anguillians they will not be forced back into federation with the island of St. Kitts. They seceded from the federation May 31, 1967, complaining that the federation's prime minister, Robert L. Bradshaw, treated them as stepchildren.

Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart told the British House of Commons the occupation would give all concerned a breathing space to determine where their real interests lie. He made clear that the government feared Anguilla's secession, if it succeeded, would inspire other islands to break away from other British-sponsored federations, leaving Britain to take care of the rebels when they couldn't support themselves.

For the most part, Anguilla's 6,000 Negro inhabitants stood about in small groups and watched impassively as the white invaders set up road-

Obituaries

ARCHIE H. SEYMOUR
Archie Herbert Seymour, 66, of Nashville, died Wednesday in a Texarkana hospital. A native of Falls Chapel, Ark., he had lived in this area 29 years during which time he was connected with the Southwest Arkansas Electrical Corp.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Florence Hogue Seymour of Nashville; a son, Ronnie Dean of Texarkana, a brother, Johnny Seymour of Fulton and a sister, Mrs. Bessie Sherman of Shreveport.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. at Latimer Funeral Chapel in Nashville. Burial will be in Memorial Gardens at Texarkana.

NEA Report Says Arkansas Ranks 29th

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — A National Education Association report says state and local governments in Arkansas are collecting a smaller percentage of their residents' income in taxes than the nation as a whole.

Arkansas ranked 29th among the states in the percentage of personal income collected in taxes by state and local governments, the report said.

Based on the 1966-67 fiscal period, the figures showed Arkansas paid 9.5 per cent of their personal income in taxes to state and local governments. The national average is 9.8.

The per capita total tax collections in Arkansas during the period was \$198.79, which ranked 47th among the states, according to the report. The national average was \$309.51.

Arkansas ranked 12th among the states in the amount of federal aid required per capita.

Other tax comparisons offered in the report included:

— Arkansas ranked 46th among states in the amount of property tax collected by local governments per capita.

— The state ranked 44th in the percentage of the total tax revenues of the state and local governments accounted for by property taxes.

— It ranked 49th among states in per capita personal income in 1967. The national average was \$3,159. Arkansas' figure was \$2,099. Mississippi was the lowest with \$1,896.

— Arkansas ranked 46th among the states during the current fiscal year in the average salaries of public school instruction staffs. The estimated annual salary in Arkansas is \$6,291 and the national average is \$8,194.

blocks and posted guards at such strategic points as the island's partially paved airstrip.

The British had said U.S. underworld figures were reported getting control of the island, possibly to make it a haven for gamblers, Webster said that was absurd.

GM Recall Letters Cost \$1 Million

By KIT KINCADE
Associated Press Writer
DETROIT (AP) — The first letters notifying more than three million Chevrolet owners that their cars or trucks may have defects go into the mail today, more than three weeks after General Motors announced it was recalling the vehicles.

Chevrolet Division said the letters would go out by certified mail at the rate of 100,000 a day until all the owners are told to take their vehicles to dealers for inspection or service.

At that rate it should take until the middle of May to inform all the owners.

At 36 cents a certified letter the postage alone will cost over \$1 million.

The Chevrolet cars and trucks are part of the 4.9 million vehicles called in by GM on Feb. 26 in the auto industry's largest recall campaign.

Chevrolet said the delay in getting out the letters was caused by shortage of a new part, the time required to put together a list of the owners to be notified and "just getting the massive paper work done."

The Chevrolet portion of the huge recall involves:

— Two million 1965 through 1968 model standard-size Chevrolets for service to the rear portion of the body to prevent exhaust fumes from entering the vehicle.

— 723,000 1968 and 1969 model cars and trucks equipped with the four-barrel, quadra jet carburetor, in which a cam which might break is being replaced.

— 400,000 cars which may have both problems.

Chevrolet is the last of the GM divisions to get started in mailing its recall letters.

Cadillac, Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac are already mailing letters to tell nearly 1.4 million owners of 1968 and 1969 vehicles equipped with the quadra jet carburetor that they have the same problem as 1.12 million Chevrolet owners.

On Tuesday, GM announced it was recalling 1.1 million cars, trucks and buses to be inspected for possible problems in their braking systems. A Pontiac division spokesman said they had not yet started mailing notices to the owners of 967,000 1965 and 1966 cars involved.

A GM spokesman said letters to the owners of the other vehicles—trucks and buses turned out by Chevrolet or GMC Truck & Coach Division—were being mailed Wednesday and today.

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Engagement Announced



FAYE LOUISE CAMPBELL

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Campbell of Lewisville, Ark., announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter Faye Louise to Mr. Larry H. May son of Mrs. William Billings and the late Grady May of Hope. The wedding will take place in the Unity Baptist Church in Hope on March 28 at 7 p.m. Friends are invited to attend.

Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Guernsey PTA will meet Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Officers will be elected for the coming year. A program on "Health" will be presented. Everyone is urged to attend.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

The Friday Music Club will meet at 3:45 p.m. Friday, March 21 in the home of Mrs. Sam Strong, Jr. The music from "Oliver" will be featured on the program.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

Game night will be held at the Hope Country Club, Saturday, March 22 at 8 p.m. with bridge, pitch, Tripoli, and other games. There will not be a pot luck supper.

The Hope Council of Garden Clubs will have a white Elephant Sale on South Main near the Yellow Cab Taxi Company Saturday, March 22.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

The Jett B. Graves Class of the First United Methodist Church will have a potluck supper Tuesday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Jewell Ames, 215 E. 14th with Mrs. Jewel Burke, Mrs. Irvin Burke, Mrs. W.E. Wilson, and Mrs. Chester Hunt, co-hostesses.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

There will be a spaghetti supper Friday, March 28 at The Chuck Wagon, Arkla Village in Emmet, Ark. from 6 to 9 p.m. This is sponsored by the Community Development Club. Tickets will be \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for children. All proceeds will go for the perpetual care fund of the Shell Cemetery.

TINA AMBASSADOR CLASS MEETS

The Tina Ambassador Sunday School Class of the Garrett Memorial Baptist Church met March 18 in the home of Mrs. Fannie Bohannon. Mrs. Rita Anderson called the meeting to order and asked Mrs. Ted Purdie to lead in the opening prayer. Mrs. Sydney Churchwell brought the devotional reading, 1st Chapter of Jonah. After the devotion, Mrs. Clifton Booth led in prayer. Mrs. Rita Anderson presided over the business session. Mrs. Wade Warren voiced the closing prayer, then Mrs. Virgie Cunningham conducted a Bible quiz. Strawberry cake and coffee or cold drinks was served to the fifteen class members present and one visitor, Mrs. John Kennedy.

SHOVER SPRINGS CLUB TO MEET

On Thursday, March 13 in the Shover Springs Extension Homemakers Club met with the vice-president, Mrs. Homer Polindexter presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. Clifton East. Mrs. Polindexter opened the meeting with the "Thought of the Month" and also played the piano while all joined in singing "In the Garden". Mrs. Mike Dugger gave the devotion. "Would You Match

Life?" After Mrs. Clarence Johnson had given the eye-opener, she and Mrs. J.B. White taught the lesson, "The Ways and Means of Vegetable Cookery." Leaders reports came from Mrs. Charles McCorkle on "Fever" and from Mrs. A.M. Hewitt on "Extension of Bathrooms."

Mrs. Darrell Dillon called the roll and 18 members answered with "How I Prepare Vegetables to be Tasty and Attractive." Club dues were discussed by Mrs. Wilton Mullins. Mrs. Polindexter read a poem, "Things That Count," and the Homemakers Prayer was repeated in unison to close the meeting.

Mrs. Dugger and Mrs. E.E. Ehler served cup cakes, coffee, and hot chocolate to the members, 10 children, and two guests, Dolores McBride and Mrs. J.R. Johnson of Mesa, Ariz. The hostesses in April will be Mrs. R.M. Rosenbaum and Mrs. W.L. Jackson.

Coming, Going

Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Johnson have returned to their home in Mesa, Ariz., after a 10-day visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson.

Mrs. Matt McCauley came home last Friday following recent surgery in Texarkana.

Mr. and Mrs. Comer Boyett visited in Searcy last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C.C. "Tony" Boyett and family.

Names New Chief of Peace Corps

By ROBERT K. WALKER
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — A young Californian who conceived his own version of the Peace Corps as a college student will be the new chief of the nation's Peace Corps.

Joseph H. Blatchford, 34, whose appointment was announced Tuesday night by President Nixon, will be the Peace Corps' third director since the agency was founded eight years ago. He will succeed Jack Hodd Vaughn, upon Senate confirmation of the appointment.

Blatchford, a Republican, is executive director since the International, a private, non-profit organization whose aim is to improve urban slums in Latin America.

The idea for ACCION came to Blatchford when, as a student at the University of California law school at Berkeley, he spent the summer of 1959 touring South America.

Associates say the wretched conditions of slum dwellers in Latin American cities caused him to search for a way to better living conditions there. He also wanted to come up with something to head off the social unrest caused by slum living as evidenced by the violence aimed at then Vice President Nixon during a South American tour.

It took two years, including a hitch as an officer in the Army, for him to put his idea into operation.

He formed ACCION in 1961, the same year the Peace Corps was started.



HELEN HELP US!

by Helen Bottel

"IT'S RIGHT BECAUSE I SAID SO" IS WRONG ATTITUDE FOR PARENTS

Dear Helen: Recently at the dinner table my mother told me that improper chewing of my food was causing my skin trouble. When I asked her why this was so, she said, "Indigestion." Seeing no reason for this, I asked her where she got the information, and she said, "From the doctor." I asked, "When?" And she said, "When I was having acne." (Which was about 25 years ago.)

When I mentioned that times have changed and doctors have learned a lot more about skin problems since the '40's, she blew up! She called me an impudent young fool and threatened me with the broom if I questioned her authority again.

Helen, have I been to school for the past 11 years and learned to ask questions only to have my mother beat my inquisitiveness out of me with her broom? — MISUNDERSTOOD GUY

Dear Guy: You may have lost the skirmish, but I'll bet you won your point. If your mother is like most of us second-thoughters, she'll learn from this encounter that you've outgrown the "It's right because I said so" stage; and discussion isn't impudence.

note to your mother: a parent doesn't lose face when she admits she might be wrong — only when she insists she is ALWAYS right. — H.

Dear Helen: Please don't think this is the usual "he doesn't love me any more" letter.

Bob has been my best friend all through grammar and high school. I've always thought of him like a brother. He would do anything for me, and I feel the same fondness for him.

We go around together quite a bit because many of the guys I know are too busy with their studies to date. I guess you'd say we're going steadily, though that phrase sounds so immature.

Well, a very good friend of

mine, Lynn, has started chasing Bob, and he is a big flirt so he doesn't like him— she just killing time while her boy friend is away at college.

Bob still goes with me, is over at my house much of the time, never asks Lynn out, yet I know he likes her. Should I throw him at her, or should I tell him the truth, that she is just practicing on him?

I need Bob's friendship more than anything, and I'm afraid that if Lynn hurts him, he'll blame me for not warning him, but if I DO tell him the truth, he'll think I'm jealous tattletale, and maybe he won't believe me anyway. What should I do? — ANNE

Dear Anne: Why don't you let Bob make his own decisions? I'd guess he already has, and the girl he likes best is YOU. H.

P.S. You could cure him of that big-brother complex with a little bit of unisisterly flirting. Try it! — H.

Dear Helen: I understand your sympathy for "Scared to Death" whose pregnancy resulted from rape. But your suggestion for a "legal" abortion is murder! If society gets accustomed to this terrible act, we'll be killing children and old people next, just because they aren't quite healthy. The person who takes the life of an unborn child is worse than he who forced its existence. Better the girl should suffer a little for seven months than commit murder and suffer guilt the rest of her life. — A.E. R.

Dear A: My arguments won't change your thinking any more than yours will change mine. But have you considered that the medical authorities termed an early fetus a child it would be given a death certificate and proper burial? Unless the baby is aborted after the sixth month, there is no funeral.

I say a fertilized egg is an unfertilized egg. — H.

Against Cut Off of Funds to Students

Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of California's state college system said today assistance from federal crime fighters would be more help in curbing campus disorders than cutting off funds to student ring leaders.

"I'm not suggesting any college CIA," Theodore Meriam told a House education subcommittee. "But it surely wouldn't hurt to share whatever hard information federal agencies have gathered."

Meriam, chairman of the California state college trustees, said federal investigative and enforcement agencies should also help identify and arrest students who move about the country stirring campus trouble.

Meriam's comments were prepared for the opening of a two-week hearing into campus disorders by Oregon Democrat Edith Green's subcommittee.

The hearings are to center on the continuing troubles at San Francisco State College.

Two planets are closer to the sun than is the earth—Mercury and Venus

Television and Radio

By CYNTHIA LOWRY
AP Television-Radio Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Williams' second special of the current NBC season contained an enormous amount of interesting music, handsome color effects and generally suggested to elderly viewers—anyone over 25—that the generation gap may be wider than suspected.

The hour was a concert taped before a young and very enthusiastic audience at the Los Angeles Music Center. Most of it was devoted to music in the contemporary beat and idiom—by Williams, by Jose Feliciano, by a young Irishman called Donovan who looked like a figure in a Renaissance religious painting and chanted mournful tales.

The awkward periods were

those stilted moments when the star and guests exchanged some carefully rehearsed banter between numbers.

The Smothers Brothers were around to engage in some of their familiar wrangling. At one point Tom Smothers was listing the ingredients he put in a vegetarian dish he called "pot roast".

"I almost blew my mind over this marvelous stuff from Mexico," he said and a loud titter came from the audience. It turned into a laugh when he identified the stuff as "asparagus." Double meanings, it seems, don't have to be risqué.

The form and content of the hour was deliberate. Williams is creating a new image to appeal to the young audience since he will return to NBC next season with a weekly show in the early evening—the time devoted to young viewers.

The device apparently has

been successful. NBC received a number of telephone calls early in the show from what a network representative said "sounded like disappointed mature viewers who complained that it wasn't like an Andy Williams show." Later, however, calls came from young people, calling it the best show Andy Williams ever.

The Bob Hope Show, on NBC earlier, wound up its hour at about par—Hope was a winner. The program, however, had some sharp ups and downs.

The comedian's opening monologue was as bright and impudent as ever, but those nose jokes between Hope and Jimmy Durante are now a little long of tooth.

Hope had an engaging musical number in which he played a gunslinger and Nancy Sinatra played a frontier psychiatrist. But a sketch about outside

"waist-watchers" didn't come off very well.

A 90-minute documentary based on the life of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy will be made for ABC broadcast next season. The film will mark the return to TV production for David Wolper who for the past two years has concentrated on theatrical motion pictures.

Want Working Hours Cut

HELENA, Ark. (AP) — Firemen at Helena have asked the Helena Fire Commission and Civil Service Commission to reduce their work week from 84 hours to 72.

Bob Reynolds, secretary of the Helena Fire Department, said the two commissions would not listen to the firemen's grievances until they were "put in black and white."

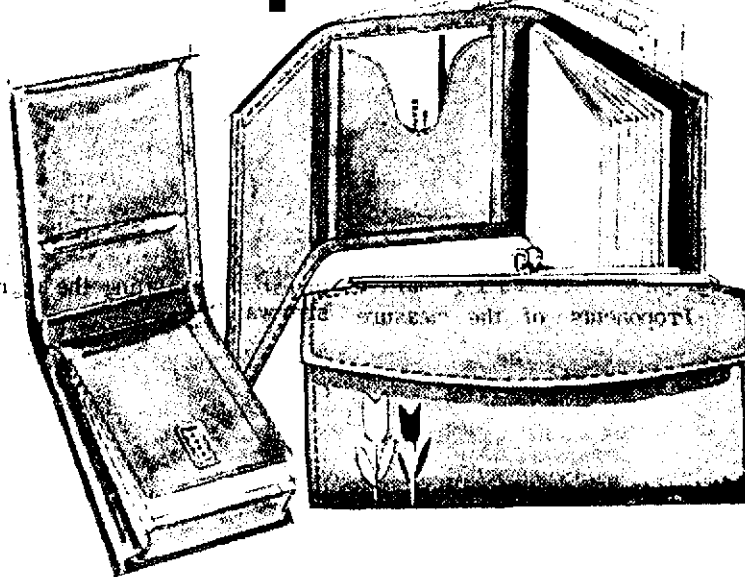
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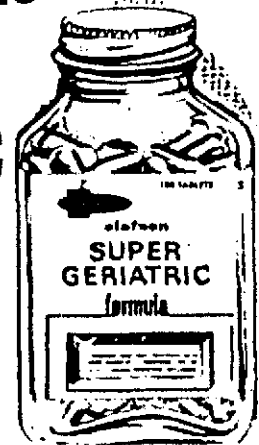
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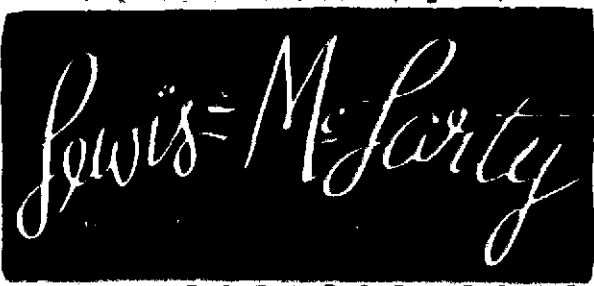


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Hope Star SPORTS

Golf Season Opens at High School

By RALPH ROUNTON
Star Sports Writer

Spring's athletic seasons get underway this Friday and Saturday, as the HHS track and golf teams try to get on the right track from the first.

Action in the golfers' eight-match schedule begins Friday afternoon at 2 p.m., as Camden visits the Hope Country Club for a 4-AA match. Camden is paced by senior Tommy Green, who won the 4-AA Championship last spring at Magnolia.

The local golfers qualify today for the match, including a Saturday morning date at Fordyce against the perennial state Class A titlists. The full schedule, which is still open for additions or changes, is listed below.

Hope's tracksters finally begin open competition this Saturday at the Fairview Relays in Camden, after the locals had cancelled two meet appearances due to the recent flu sickness. A meet formerly slated at the HHS track yesterday afternoon was also cancelled.

1969 HHS GOLF SCHEDULE

MARCH
21 Camden Here
22 Fordyce There
28 Magnolia Here
APRIL
1 Magnolia There
4 Arkadelphia There
15 Arkadelphia Here
18 Camden There
19 Fordyce Here
26 4-AA Championships

Colonels Stop Those Jones Boys

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
The Kentucky Colonels stopped "DeVere's" Jones boy in an effort to keep up with the Indiana Pacers.

They held Larry Jones under 30 points—he got 23—for the first time in 23 games and whipped the Rockets 131-106 Wednesday night. That left the Colonels two games behind Eastern Division-leading Indiana and even in the loss column.

In other games, New Orleans blasted Minnesota 134-106, Houston stopped Dallas 130-121 and Los Angeles outlasted Oakland 143-136.

In the National Basketball Association, New York edged Baltimore 104-100, Philadelphia trimmed Seattle 136-115, Boston turned back Chicago 104-92, Cincinnati topped Los Angeles 136-128 in overtime and Milwaukee held off Phoenix 117-110.

Louie Dampier had 38 points, Gene Moore 34 and Kentucky shot a blistering 60 per cent in the third period, outscoring Denver 42-26 in that session.

Seven New Orleans hit double figures, led by Rod Franz' 19 points, in the Bucks' rout of Minnesota. It was the sixth straight win for the Bucks, while the fourth-place Pipers dropped their fifth in a row and fell 92-104 to the Lakers.

Minnesota's Chico Vaughn took game honors with 20 points. Stew Johnson and Bob Verga sparked a fourth-period rally that carried Houston past Dallas. Johnson finished with 30 points and Verga with 29 while Cincy Powell had 29 and Glen Combs 28 for the losers.

Los Angeles collected nine three-point field goals in outlasted Oakland for the Stars' fifth victory in their last six outings. Bob Warren of Los Angeles hit four three-pointers, scoring 18 points in the opening period and 24 by halftime. He finished with 28, Merv Jackson was high for the Stars with 31.

Solunar Tables

The schedule of Solunar Periods, as printed below, has been taken from Richard Alden Knight's SOLUNAR TABLES. Plan your days so that you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during these times. If you wish to find the best sport that each day has to offer.

	A.M.	Minor-Major	P.M.	Minor-Major
Mar. 20 Thurs.	6:25	12:10	7:15	12:45
Mar. 21 Friday	7:15	1:05	7:50	1:35
Mar. 22 Saturday	8:05	1:55	8:40	2:25
Mar. 23 Sunday	9:05	3:00	9:30	3:15
Mar. 24 Monday	9:55	3:45	10:25	4:10

Milwaukee Wins Rights to Alcindor

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Who? With or without Lew Alcindor, Wednesday was Milwaukee's day in the National Basketball Association.

In a special coin toss with Phoenix, the Bucks won the draft rights to UCLA's All-American 7-foot-1 1/2 center. But Alcindor didn't score a point or grab a rebound as the Bucks downed the Suns 117-110 in a game between the NBA's Eastern and Western cellar-dwellers.

Elsewhere, New York prevented Baltimore from clinching the Eastern Division title 104-100, Philadelphia stayed in the running with a 136-115 triumph over Seattle, Boston virtually ended Chicago's playoff chances 104-92 and Cincinnati took Los Angeles 136-128 in overtime.

In the American Basketball Association, Kentucky walloped Denver 131-106, New Orleans crushed Minnesota 134-106, Houston beat Dallas 130-121 and Los Angeles beat Oakland 143-136.

"We lost," said Richard Block, president of the Phoenix Suns, after losing the Alcindor coin flip, and that about sums up the Suns' day.

Repeated rallies fell short in Phoenix' loss to Milwaukee on the court, despite Dick Van Arsdale's 32 points. Jon McGlocklin led the Bucks with 26 points.

New York prevented Baltimore from clinching its first regular season championship behind Willis Reed's 37 points. With three games left, the Bulls lead Philadelphia by 2 1/2 games. The 76ers are 1 1/2 games in front of the Knicks.

Reed scored 12 points in a 22-10 fourth-quarter burst that sent the Knicks ahead 103-93 after they trailed most of the game. Kevin Loughery paced the Bulls with 30. One Baltimore victory or one Philadelphia defeat will do it.

"We figure we have to win one game," said Baltimore Coach Gene Shue. "I'm proud of my team. I'm so pleased with my players it's unbelievable."

Hal Greer led Philadelphia past Seattle with 34 points. The 76ers jumped to a 10-2 lead and the SuperSonics never got closer than five points.

Philadelphia's Chet Walker and Seattle's Tom Meschery were ejected after a fight and police had to prevent them from resuming in a hallway leading to the dressing rooms.

Boston, leading by 75-71, exploded for 11 straight points in 2 1/2 minutes and whipped Chicago. The loss means the Bulls can do no better than tie San Diego for the fourth and last playoff berth in the West. Bailey Howell sparked the Celtics with 27 points.

Oscar Robertson pumped in 28 points and Connie Dierking grabbed a career high 28 rebounds in Cincinnati's conquest of Los Angeles. Jerry West and Elgin Baylor had 28 apiece for the Lakers.

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Basketball

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA Eastern Division

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Baltimore	56	23	.709	—
Philadelphia	54	26	.675	2 1/2
New York	52	27	.658	4
Boston	45	34	.570	11
Cincinnati	39	40	.494	17
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Detroit	30	50	.375	28 1/2
Milwaukee	25	54	.316	31

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Los Angeles	53	27	.663	—
Atlanta	48	31	.608	4 1/2
San Fran.	40	40	.500	13
San Diego	35	43	.449	17
Chicago	33	47	.413	20
Seattle	30	50	.375	23
Phoenix	16	64	.200	37

Wednesday's Results
New York 104, Baltimore 100
Boston 104, Chicago 92
Cincinnati 136, Los Angeles 128, overtime
Milwaukee 117, Phoenix 110
Philadelphia 136, Seattle 115
Only games scheduled

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Indiana	41	32	.562	—
Kentucky	37	32	.536	2
Miami	36	33	.522	3
Minnesota	34	36	.486	5 1/2
New York	17	54	.239	23

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Oakland	53	16	.768	—
Denver	41	30	.577	13
New Orleans	39	32	.549	15
Dallas	36	34	.514	17 1/2
Los Angeles	31	39	.443	22 1/2
Houston	21	48	.304	32

Wednesday's Results
Kentucky 131, Denver 106
Houston 130, Dallas 121
New Orleans 134, Minn. 106
Los Angeles 143, Oakland 136
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Drake Coach Prepares for Mighty UCLA

By BOB GREEN

Associated Press Sports Writer
LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Drake Coach Maury John, making the last minute preparations for tonight's encounter with awesome UCLA in the semifinals of the national collegiate basketball championship, made a slip of the tongue that must be indicative of something.

"We're loose and easy," he said, commenting about the team's attitude going into the game with the top-ranked Bruins. He nervously twisted a microphone cord and repeated: "Loose and easy. We've played a lot of pressure games. And we've won 12 in a row. Yes, we've got a 12-game losing string going."

"Ah, make that a 12-game winning string. Yes, winning." But Drake, ranked No. 11 with a 25-4 record, is a 13-point underdog to the mighty Bruins and Lew Alcindor, a team that has lost only two games in three years and is gunning for a record third consecutive national championship.

North Carolina, No. 4 with a 27-3 record, plays Purdue, No. 6 and 22-4 in the opener of the NCAA semifinal doubleheader at 7:40 p.m., EST.

The winners move into the title game at 4:15 p.m., EST, Saturday afternoon.

All games will be televised nationally by NBC-TV.

All four teams arrived Wednesday afternoon and each took a one-hour workout.

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"I'm still looking for the answer," Casper, who has played only five rounds of golf in the last four weeks, is one of the star-studded field of 144 teeing off today in the first round of the \$100,000 Greater Jacksonville Open.

The once feared big three—Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player—also are in the pack for the first time this year plus Lee Trevino, the U.S. Open titleholder, and the crowd of young turks threatening to take over the game.

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Reports O.J. Will Play for \$400,000

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The president of the Orlando Panthers says O.J. Simpson has offered to play for his Continental Football League team for \$400,000, and the Panthers think that's a fair price to pay Orange Juice to promote the Sunshine state's favorite beverage.

"O.J. and his agent approached Jim Dunn, the Continental League commissioner, two weeks ago and offered to play for \$400,000 if O.J.'s negotiations with the Buffalo Bills fell through," said Elmer Cook, Panthers president.

"We went to the Florida Citrus commission and asked them to put up the money, since it was a natural promotional bit to go along with their slogan—Drink O.J.," Cook explained.

The Citrus Commission seemed quite warm to the proposal, Cook said, figuring that a specimen of manhood like the ex-Southern California running back would do as much to up the sale of orange juice as all the vitamin-C plugs put together.

At present, Simpson is committed to contract negotiations with the Bills of the American Football League, and cannot legally play for any other AFL or National Football League team if he fails to reach a contract with the Bills.

However, there's nothing to stop him from playing for a Continental or Canadian team.

Cook's CFL may be bush, but his business acumen is big league, and he thinks there is a very good possibility from a business angle that O.J. will play for Orlando.

"This is just my opinion," he said, "but I think the AFL-NFL club owners will decide how much O.J. gets paid, not the Bills."

"Look—right now there are about 50 other top draft choices who are stalemated with their clubs on contracts. The players are all waiting to see how much O.J. gets," he explained.

"At the club owners meeting in Palm Springs (Calif.), I'll bet they're saying something like, 'fellas, if we give this guy all the money he wants, how much will we have to pay the others?'"

"The big leagues might decide they really don't need Simpson's prestige enough to fork out twice as much as they planned to pay the other holdouts, Cook argued, so Simpson might be given a hearty thanks for his time and a cherry goodbye at Buffalo.

Ralph Wilson, owner of the Bills, has said that Simpson must believe that Wilson is Howard Hughes to request a \$600,000 plus contract from the Bills' owner.

Bill Casper Has Designs on Masters

By WILL GRIMSLEY
Associated Press Sports Writer
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Bill Casper is not exactly the conniving type but he admitted today he has designs on the Masters.

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JOCKETTE Diane Crump charges down stretch at Hialeah aboard Bridle 'n Bit for a fifth-place finish.

AFL Insures Realignment for Next Year

By MURRAY CHASS

Associated Press Sports Writer
PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — The American Football League, which three days ago was expected to approve retention of the status quo in professional football, has turned its joint meeting with the National League around and appears to have insured realignment for 1970.

The AFL prepared a plan to present to National Football League team owners today in their first joint meeting on the matter since they received alternatives Monday.

Although no one was saying much about the plan, The Associated Press learned that the AFL idea involves a general outline of the form pro football can take for 1970, the year the 1968 merger agreement takes final effect.

For example, the 16-team NFL and 10-team AFL could be amalgamated into two divisions of seven teams each and two of six, or they could be integrated into two conferences with divisions of four, four and five.

NFL owners appeared to more receptive to the AFL idea Wednesday.

"Both leagues worked on juggling teams from one league to another," Commissioner Pete Rozella said, acknowledging for the first time that the NFL was thinking of anything but retention of the present 16-10 setup with the addition of inter-league games.

At the beginning of the week, all but a small minority of AFL owners were thinking the same way.

But that minority, led by Paul Brown of Cincinnati and Gerald Phipps of Denver, has dramatically gained the sentiment of the rest of the teams.

Miami always has been for total realignment, and the world champion New York Jets surprisingly became an early convert.

San Diego also started leaning toward realignment, and Ralph Wilson of Buffalo more or less capitulated Wednesday.

"I prefer the two-league setup with the maximum number of inter-league games," said Wilson, a member of the six-man joint study committee that unanimously recommended retention of the status quo.

"But it's obvious we can't muster sufficient support to get the necessary three-fourths vote. It appears the AFL sentiment now is for total realignment of the two leagues into one."

"If this is what the others want, I'll not block it. Realignment is all right with me."

Oakland, Kansas City, Houston and Boston also apparently were willing to go along with the sentiment.

The idea of total realignment cannot make NFL owners deliriously happy, but there are ways they could be induced into accepting such a plan since they apparently have become resigned to some form of realignment.

Art Modell, owner of the Browns and president of the NFL, doesn't expect a formal vote this week.

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Bucks Flip Over Deal for Cager

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) —

The Milwaukee Bucks flipped over their biggest victory of the National Basketball association season Wednesday—but wouldn't talk about the next step.

Milwaukee won the first draft pick when Phoenix called heads and the half dollar tossed by Commissioner Walter Kennedy came up tails in the league's New York office.

The victory gives the expansion Bucks the right to draft UCLA's Lew Alcindor.

"I don't want to get specific about names," said John Erickson, general manager of the Bucks, when asked if the team would draft Alcindor.

Meanwhile, the UCLA star was kept out of reach of newsmen.

The team arrived by plane in Louisville, Ky., Wednesday for the NCAA tournament finals. Specific orders were left at the team's motel that neither Alcindor nor Coach Johnny Wooden would accept calls.

Erickson and Wes Pavalon, the board chairman of the Bucks, were dancing in a mutual bear hug after Kennedy said the coin "came up tails."

When things quieted down, they parried questions about Alcindor or other prospects. Erickson shrugged off the suggestion that Alcindor didn't want to play with Milwaukee as his home base.

"Professionals athletes are pros all the way," Erickson said. "They travel so much they don't complain about that."

It could cost Milwaukee plenty to seal Wednesday's victory. Alcindor reportedly wants a contract in a million bracket and the rival American Basketball Association is said to be passing the hat among its members to give it to him.

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SIDE GLANCES

By GILL FOX



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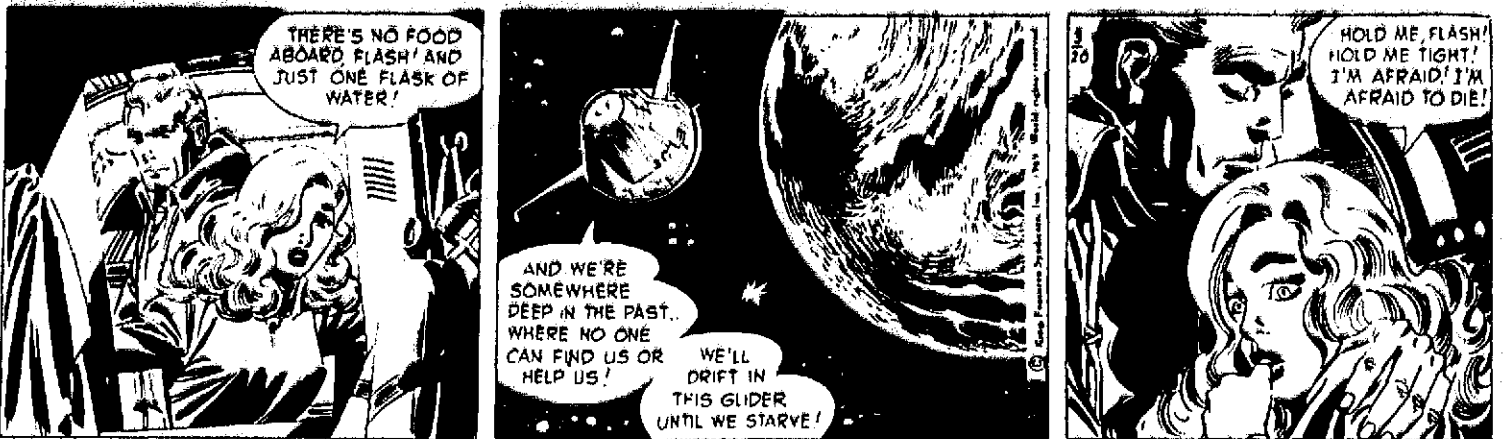
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"So what does it teach kids other than the fact that parents are suckers?"

FLASH GORDON

By DAN BARRY



THE BORN LOSER

By ART SANSON



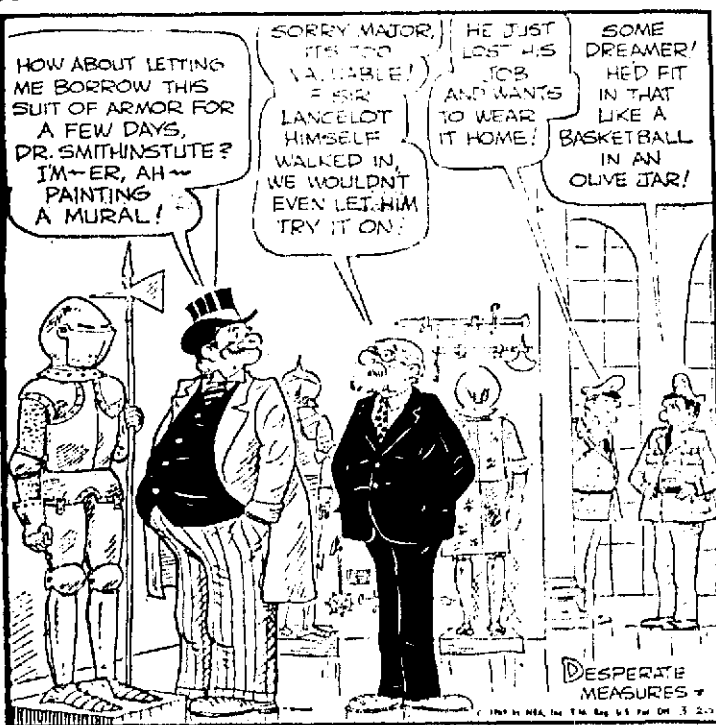
OUT OUR WAY

By NEG COCHRAN



OUR BOARDING HOUSE

By MAJOR HOOPLE



QUICK QUIZ

Q—In astronomy, what are Bailey's beads?
A—A number of bright points of light which can be seen for a few seconds at the instant when an eclipse of the sun becomes total.

Q—What is the origin of the expression, "by jiminy"?
A—The expletive derives from the custom of ancient sailors who swore by Gemini (the twins), the third sign of the zodiac.

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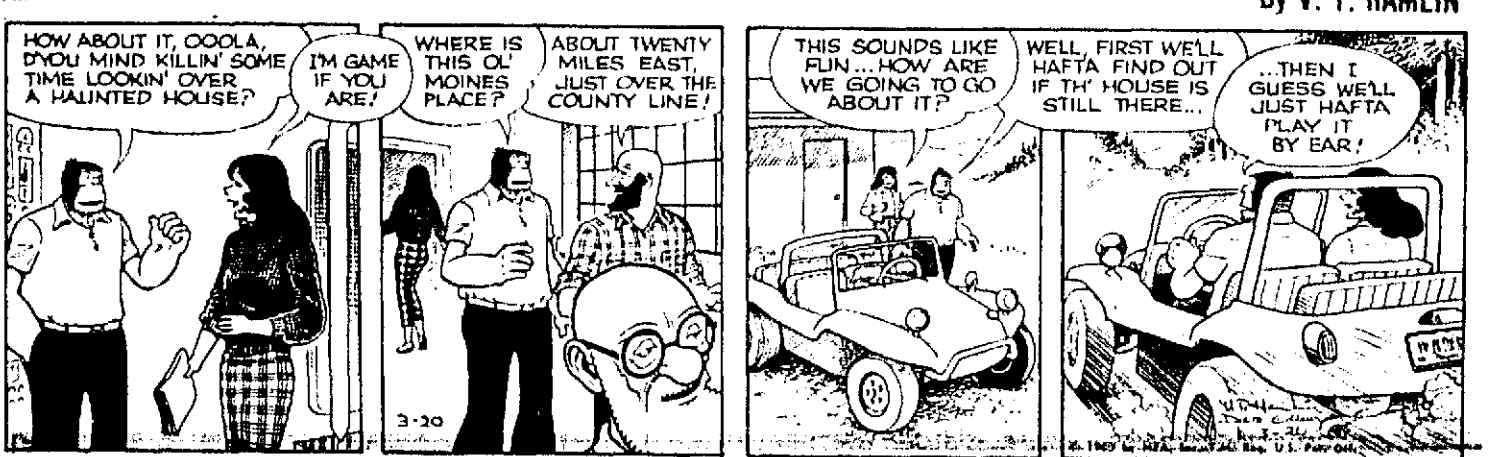
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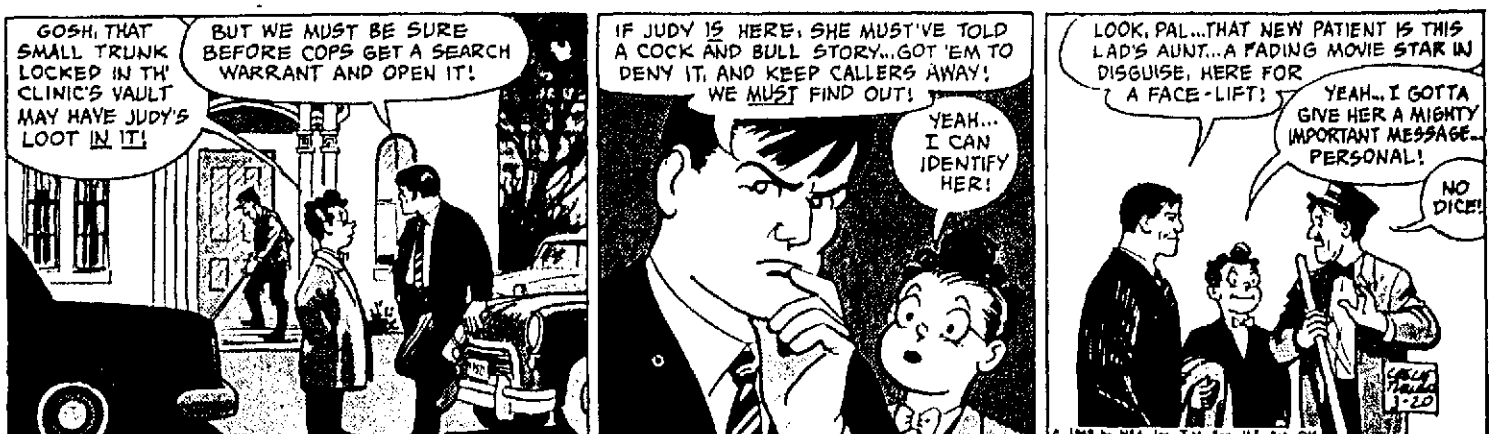
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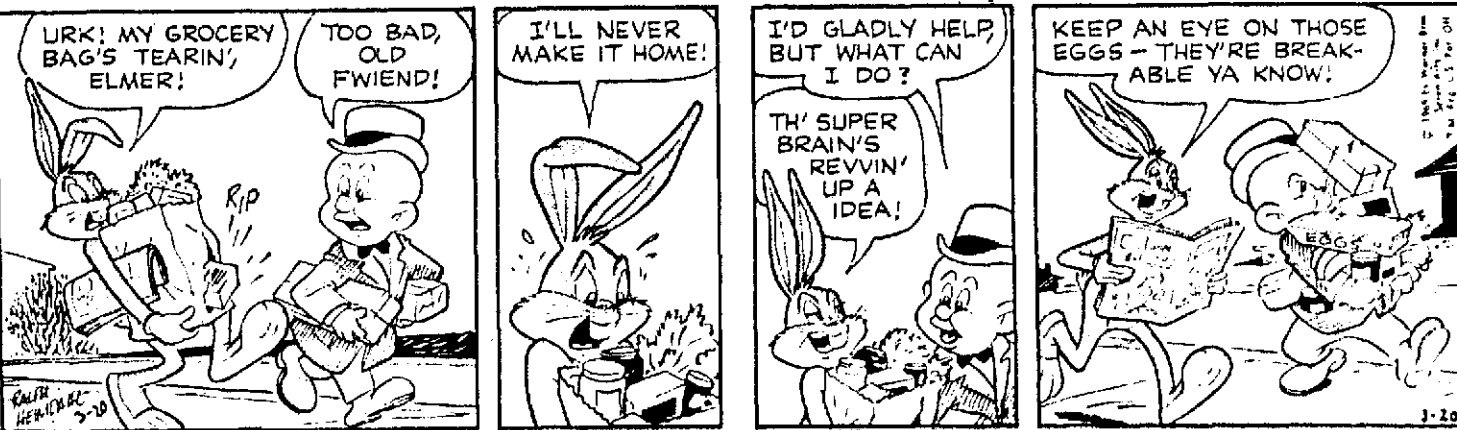
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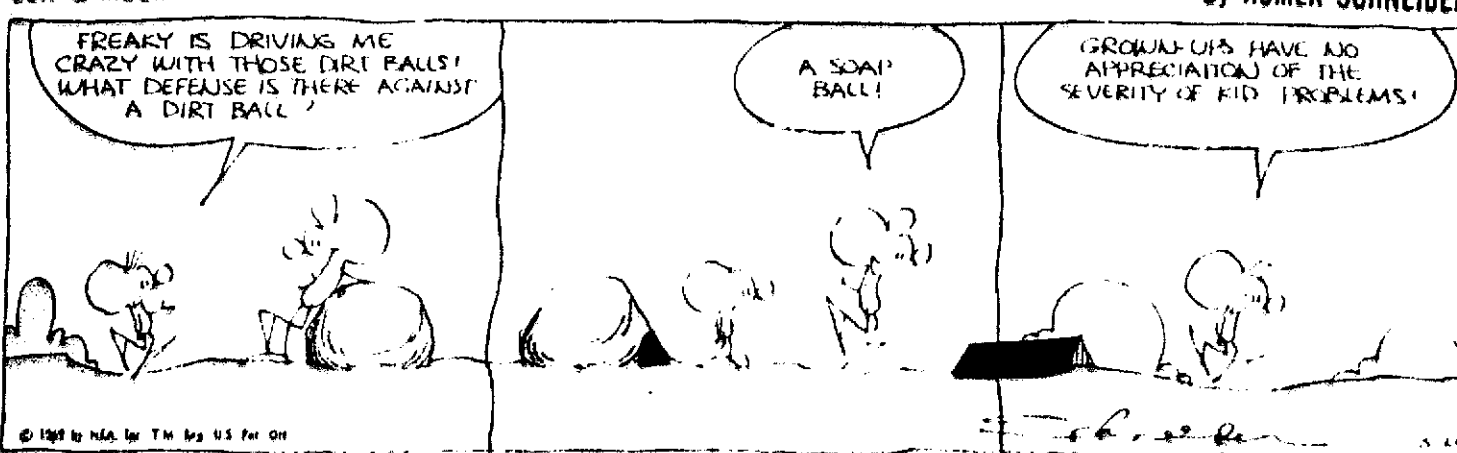
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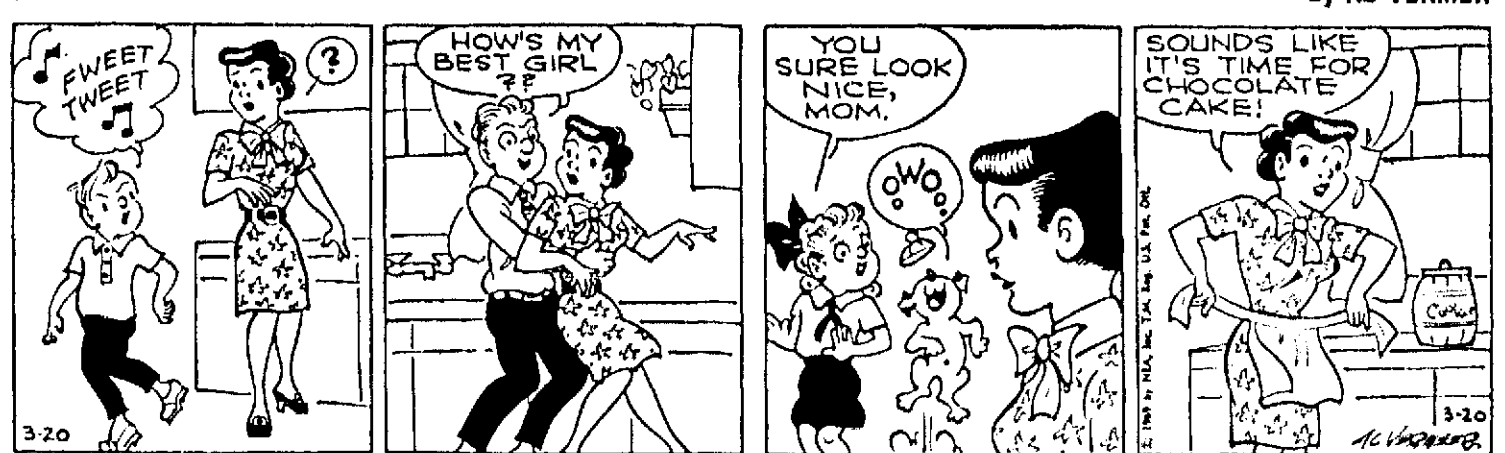
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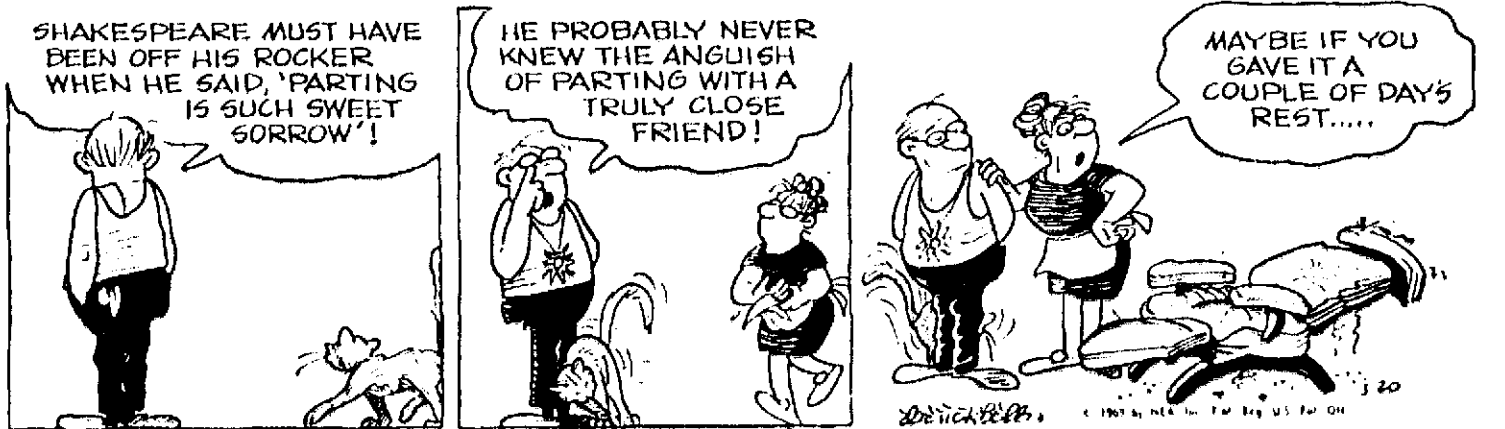
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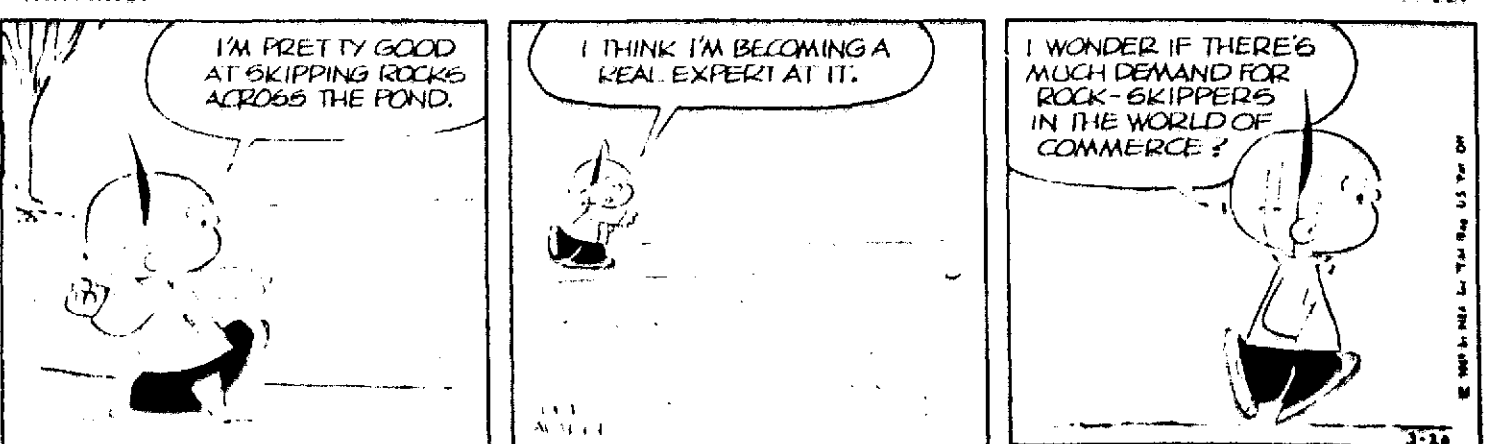
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New Pentagon Leader Drastically Cuts Back F111 Bombers to 60

By BOB HORTON
AP Military Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — The new Pentagon leadership has all but shot down the F111 strategic bomber former defense chief Robert S. McNamara insisted would be a good replacement for aging B52s.

Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird told Congress Wednesday he is cutting plans for the swing-wing jet to only four squadrons—a nominal 60 planes.

Three years ago McNamara was proposing 250 F111s—variants of the controversial TFX design—contending it would be about as good, and less expensive, as another advance bomber the Air Force could develop to haul its nuclear bombs in the 1970s.

Laird made plain he was buying the four squadrons mainly to recover something from the vast funds spent on the program — “to salvage what we can of the work in process,” as he put it.

Despite months of work, Laird said, the F111 “is still experiencing development and production difficulties and the cost per aircraft continues to mount.”

Pentagon officials said the 60 planes will cost \$1.7 billion over-all, which includes heavy research and development expenses. McNamara originally estimated 250 models would cost \$1.9 billion.

Laird said he would accelerate efforts to develop a completely new nuclear-equipped plane the Air Force calls the Advanced Manned Strategic Aircraft—AMSA.

Laird proposed spending \$100 million to move toward full-scale engineering development for an AMSA in the next fiscal

year.

The F111 trimming was the latest setback to McNamara's program for having each of the services develop the planes they needed from one basic design.

The Navy tried to get a carrier-based fighter, the F111B, from the TFX design but junked the program after months of development difficulties and spending more than \$200 million.

The Air Force fighter-bomber version, the F111A, is coming along with fewer problems although 13 have crashed during tests, combat trials in Southeast Asia and training flights. The Air Force says F111A bugs will be worked out and that it wants the plane.

Laird apparently is also satisfied the F111A will be an asset in the Air Force inventory.

Pentagon officials say he has approved a force level of more than 400 F111As, about the same number authorized by the outgoing defense administration of Clark M. Clifford.

The F111 will serve to bridge the gap between the B52 stratofortresses, developed in the 1950s, and the forthcoming AMSA.

Laird has not yet committed himself to buy the AMSA, saying only that engineering development this year would bring him more quickly to a point of decision.

The cost of buying 200 AMSAs has been estimated at \$10 billion.

25-Year-Old Check Good

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The U.S. Treasury has assured Thomas Whittaker that a 25-year-old refund check he received by mail recently is still good.

The \$11.25 check, which arrived in an envelope postmarked Jan. 15, 1944, carried a notation on the back saying “invalid if not cashed within one year.”

Whittaker mailed the check back to the Treasury, which returned it Wednesday with a note saying a 1957 law eliminated the time limitation on the validity of federal checks.

Whittaker says he still doesn't know why the check spent so long in the mails.

Astros' Deal Not Going Very Well

By MIKE RATHET
Associated Press Sports Writer
COCOA, Fla. (AP) — “You don't,” said Houston Manager Harry Walker, “go to an auto dealer and settle for half a car.”

The Astros didn't think they were doing that when they concluded one of the major trades of the off-season, sending first baseman-outfielder Rusty Staub to Montreal for first baseman Donn Clendenon and outfielder Jesus Alou.

But as things stand now in the controversial deal, Walker has half a car in Alou. The other half, represented by Clendenon, still is in the parking lot with the slugging first baseman contending he is going to retire.

If Walker doesn't get Clendenon he doesn't have a legitimate first baseman and he wants the entire trade called off. Commissioner Bowie Kuhn has ruled that the “deal stands,” although talks have been continuing.

“We would never have considered the trade without Clendenon,” Walker said. “We gave up a good young player who could hit over .300 for two guys who could hit .270 and give us more speed. Without filling both the spots there's no sense to the trade.”

There's also no first baseman. If Clendenon doesn't report and Staub isn't returned, the one candidate who sticks in Walker's mind is Denis Menke, who moved from his normal shortstop job last year to second base when Joe Morgan was lost for the season.

The infield then would have Menke at first, Morgan at second, young Hector Torres at shortstop and Doug Rader, one of the Astros' brightest young prospects, at third. Rader hit .267 with six homers and 43 runs batted in during 89 games last year.

With or without Clendenon the outfield has been strengthened with the addition of Alou and Curt Blefary, acquired from the Orioles in a trade from St. Louis in another of the series of trades the Astros made in an attempt to improve on last year's 10th-place finish. But the whole key could rest with the young and developing pitching staff.

One pitcher, at least, seems ready to step in and be a star-



SIX-FOOT-THREE Carol Mann waits turn to tee off.

master also are listed as starters, but it's the No. 4 spot that Don Wilson, who in two full major league seasons has pitched a no-hitter and an 18-strikeout game. He was 13-16 with a 3.27 earned run average in 1968.

Larry Dierker and Denny Lee is the big problem, and could remain that way. Listed among the contenders are such veterans as Bill Monbouquette, Howie Reed and Fred Gladding.

It's not exactly the type pitching that can be anticipated to throw the Astros right into the thick of the National League's Western Division pennant fight against Atlanta, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, San Francisco and the expansion San Diego Padres.

With or without Clendenon.

Annexations Are Rejected

SPRINGDALE, Ark. (AP) — Voters in Springdale and in two nearby areas Tuesday rejected the annexation of two areas on the edge of this northwest Arkansas city.

Annexation of the Elm Springs Road area was defeated by a vote of 398-984 against. Voters rejected 669-841 annexation of the Tontitown Road area.

Television Logs

Thursday

Night

6:00	What's New 2	8:00	Captain Kangaroo 11-12
	Truth or Consequences 3 (C)	8:30	This Morning 7 (C)
	News, Weather, Sports 4-6	9:00	Movie
6:30	Arkansas Game and Fish 2		“Johnny Rocco”
	Flying Nun 3-7 (C)		Snap Judgment 4-6 (C)
	NCAA Basketball 4-6 (C)		Debbie Drake 7-12 (C)
	Queen and I 11-12 (C)	9:25	Lucille Ball 11 (C)
7:00	Friendly Giant 2		News 4 (C)
	That Girl 3-7 (C)	9:30	News 6 (C)
	Jonathan Winters 11-12 (C)		Concentration 4-6 (C)
7:15	Origins of Man 2		Movie
7:30	Bewitched 3-7 (C)		“You Never Can Tell”
8:00	What's It All About, World? 3-7 (C)		Beverly Hillsbillies 11-12 (C)
	Movie 11 (C)	10:00	Personality 4-6 (C)
	“Paris When It Sizzles”		Andy Griffith 11-12 (C)
	Movie 12	10:30	Funny You Should Ask 3 (C)
8:30	Dragnet 4-6 (C)		Hollywood Squares 4-6 (C)
9:00	Who Is 2		Dick Van Dyke 11-12
	Outcasts 3 (C)	10:55	Children's Doctor 3 (C)
	Dean Martin 4-6 (C)	11:00	Bewitched 3-7 (C)
	To Be Announced 7		Jeopardy 4-6 (C)
9:30	City Makers 2	11:25	Love of Life 11-12 (C)
	(C)		News 11-12 (C)
10:00	News, Weather, Sports 3-4-6-7-11-12 (C)	11:30	News 3 (C)
10:30	Joey Bishop 3 (C)		Eye Guess 4-6 (C)
	Johnny Carson 4-6 (C)		Funny You Should Ask 7 (C)
	Arkansas Jaycees 7 (C)		Search for Tomorrow 11-12 (C)
10:40	Paul Harvey 12 (C)		Children's Doctor 7 (C)
	Arkansas Sportsman 11 (C)		
10:45	Movie 12		
	“Hero's Island”		
12:00	Evening Devotional (C)		

Friday

Morning

6:25	Morning Devotional 6 (C)	12:00	Dream House 3 (C)
6:30	Economics 3		Little Rock Today 4 (C)
	Texarkana College 6		TV Party Line 6 (C)
6:45	R.F.D. 4 (C)		Vic Ames 7 (C)
	RFD “6” 6 (C)		News, Weather 12 (C)
6:50	Your Pastor 12 (C)		Eye on Arkansas 11 (C)
6:55	Morning Devotional 4 (C)	12:30	Make A Deal 3-7 (C)
7:00	Bozo 3 (C)		Hidden Faces 6 (C)
	Today 4-6 (C)		As The World Turns 11-12 (C)
	News 11 (C)	1:00	Newlywed Game 3-7 (C)
	Paul Harvey 12 (C)		Days of Our Lives 4-6 (C)
7:05	News 11-12 (C)		Love Is a Many-Splendored Thing 11-12 (C)
7:30	Bozo's Big Top 7 (C)	1:30	Dating Game 3-7 (C)
	News 12 (C)		Doctors 4-6 (C)
	Arkansas A.M. 11 (C)		Guiding Light 11-12 (C)
7:55	News, 12 (C)	2:00	General Hospital 3-7 (C)
			Another World 4-6 (C)
		2:30	Secret Story 11-12 (C)
			One Life to Live 3-7 (C)
			You Don't Say! 4-6 (C)
		3:00	Edge of Night 11-12 (C)
			Economics 2
			Dark Shadows 3-7 (C)
			Mike Douglas 4 (C)
			Match Game 6 (C)
			Linkletter Show 11-12 (C)
		3:25	News 6 (C)
		3:30	Sportsmanlike Driving 2
			Movie 3
			“Riot in Cell Block 11”
			Laff-A-Lot 6 (C)
			Bozo's Big Top 7 (C)
			McHales Navy 11
			Lucille Ball 12 (C)
		4:00	Misterogers 2
			Flintstones 6 (C)
			Perry Mason 11
			McHale's Navy 12
			What's New 2
			Flintstones 4 (C)
			Hazel 6 (C)
			Perry Mason 12
			Pathways to Music 2
			News 3-7 (C)
			Gilligan's Island 4 (C)
			Marshal Dillon 6 (C)
			My Favorite Martin 11
			Paul Harvey 12 (C)
			Travel Film 2
			News, Weather 3 (C)
			News 4-6-11-12 (C)
			Truth or Consequences 7 (C)

Era of the Big Man Ends for Bruins

By DAN GERGER
Associated Press Sports Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — The era of Lew Alcindor at UCLA, unmatched in the history of college basketball, ends this week in Louisville where the Bruins are favored to win an unprecedented third straight national title.

The 7-foot-1½ agile giant is the main reason the Bruins are favored to turn back Drake Thursday night and take the championship Saturday. After that he's assured big money from the professionals as the No. 1 target of both major leagues.

The incredible collegiate era of Ferdinand Lewis Alcindor Jr. was heralded at a 1965 news conference in New York when he announced he would enroll at UCLA.

“It has the atmosphere I wanted and the people out there were so nice to me,” he said.

UCLA dedicated its new Pauley Pavilion on Nov. 30, with a varsity versus freshman game. The varsity the previous year had won its second straight national college title. The frosh had Alcindor.

He hauled down 21 rebounds, scored 31 points and the yearlings won 75-60.

During an unbeaten freshman season, Alcindor was shielded from the press. The same has been true during much of his career.

Coach John Wooden knew the consequences of having such a superstar, explaining, “There are others on the team, too. I was concerned about how the other players would feel.”

In Alcindor's sophomore year UCLA had a 30-0 record won the national title and he won player-of-the-year honors.

An eye injury during January of his junior year hampered his effectiveness for a few games.

Night

6:00	What's New 2	8:00	Japanese Paintings 2
	Truth or Consequences 3 (C)		Make A Deal 3-7 (C)
	News, Weather, Sports 4-6		Movie 11 (C)
6:30	Bridge 2		“Mary, Mary”
	Tom Jones 3-7 (C)		Movie 12
	NBC News Special 4-6 (C)		“Stalag 17”
	Wild Wild West 11-12 (C)	8:30	Net Playhouse 2
7:00	Economics 2		Guns of Will Sonnett 3-7 (C)
7:30	Playing the Guitar 2		Guns of Will Sonnett 3-7 (C)
	Name of the Game 4-6 (C)	9:00	Judd 3-7 (C)
	Gomer Pyle 11-12 (C)		Bell Telephone Hour 4-6 (C)
8:00	Japanese Paintings 2		Movie
	Make A Deal 3-7 (C)		News, Weather, Sports 3-4-6-7-11-12 (C)
	Movie 11 (C)	10:00	News, Weather 11-12 (C)
	“The Left Handed Gun”	10:30	Movie 3
	Movie 11		“Without Reservations”
	“Beachhead”		Johnny Carson 4-6 (C)
	Paul Harvey 12 (C)		Movie 7
11:00	Movie 12		“The Mad Doctor”
11:05	Movie 12		Movie 11
12:00	Joey Bishop 3 (C)		“War Paint”
	Evening Devotional 6 (C)		
12:15	Movie 7 (C)		
1:00	Movie 11		

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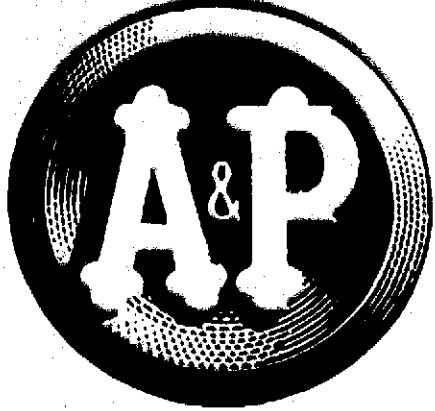
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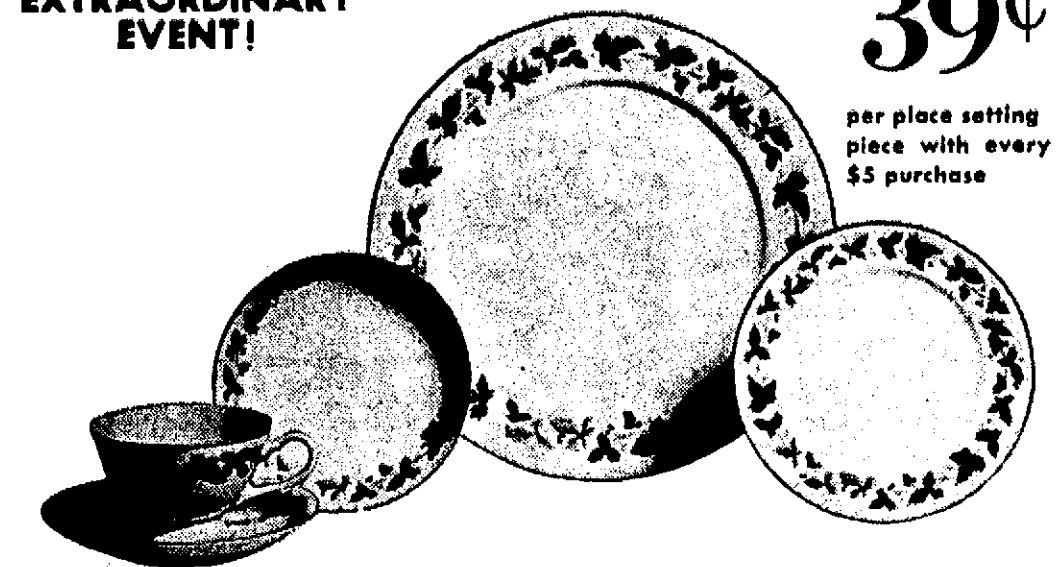
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Easter spirits may be dampened in areas of the South, the Ohio Valley and the middle Mississippi Valley where heavy precipitation is expected.

EXPECTED TEMPERATURES

ABOVE NORMAL
NORMAL
BELOW NORMAL
MUCH BELOW NORMAL

AVERAGES: MAR. 15 APRIL 15

Spring will get a cool start in the Mississippi Valley, central and southern Plains and East Gulf states where below-normal temperatures are forecast.

Letters To The Editor

This is your newspaper. Write to it. Address letters to: Editor The Star, P. O. Box 648, Hope, Ark. 71801.

All letters must be signed, with address, so you are identified to the newspaper staff, but if the character of the letter permits we will allow use of a pen-name in the publication, in which case you should add "Citizen," or some other word below your real name and address.

Pen-names are permitted when a letter deals only with issues. Direct attacks upon public officials, however, must bear the writer's name for publication.

ENDORSES EDITORIAL

Editor The Star: With reference to your editorial in The Star on March 17, about Gov. Rockefeller's tax program to the tune of 200 million dollars in the next two years — above the taxes we are now paying — I fully and heartily agree with what you said in that editorial.

Especially the last paragraph, in which you said:

"A legitimate question is: Has the people's ability to pay reached exhaustion, resulting in a taxpayers' revolt, whose message got through to the legislature? The answer, in both Louisiana and Arkansas, seems to be 'Yes.'"

Being a "country boy," I freely admit that I do not know all the "ins and outs" in our tax structure, but you expressed the same thought, only in different words, that I expressed to our Rep. Talbot Field, Jr., in a letter to him March 2, 1969, in which I said:

"It is my thinking that we have reached the saturation point in our tax structure, and if a halt is not made the taxpayers are going to rebel, and then there will be hell to pay."

With warm and kind regards to you and each of your staff, sincerely

LESTER WADE
March 19, 1969
Blevins, Ark.

Australian Scandal Will Not Be Probed

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The Australian House of Representatives voted today not to investigate scandal charges involving Prime Minister John Gorton and actress-singer Liza Minnelli.

One of the charges was that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency paid \$15,000 for an article about Gorton which Miss Minnelli had written and then sold it to African, European and American publications.

Defending himself in the House the 57-year-old Gorton said he had been the subject of a scurrilous whispering campaign.

Gorton said he was satisfied with his own conduct and that Miss Minnelli, the 22-year-old daughter of singer Judy Garland, had said the whole thing was "a pack of lies."

An opposition member, Albert James, told the House that an Australian gossip sheet called Things I Hear had reported that the Miss Minnelli, who visited the country last year, had written the article for the British magazine Private Eye in which she "recounted what she claims were her experiences with the leading Australian political figure."

James said the article allegedly dealt with incidents at a Sydney night club, in Bali during a visit by Gorton to Indonesia and in Canberra last Christmas.

James called for an investigation by the Parliamentary Privileges Committee.

The vote against the investigation was 75 to 34 and followed after the legislative session, party lines, with one member of the Labor opposition voting with the government.

Court Docket

CITY DOCKET

Tilman Bobo, Jo Ann Byrd, Earnest Taylor Drunkenness, Plea guilty, fined \$16.50.

Lee James Hall, Robert Henry, George Willis, Catherine White Drunkenness, Forfeited \$16.50 cash bond.

Author Lee Ross, Roscoe Lewis Edwards Nodriver's license, Plea guilty, fined \$11.50.

Bud Schobey No driver's license, Forfeited \$16.50 cash bond.

The following forfeited \$16.50 cash bond on a charge of Speeding: Parris Dale Ammons, Frank Edward DeVenney, Freddie G. Jones, Loretta H. Nicholas, Ray Calvin Ormes, Doylan Washington, Donald C. Compton, Abe Goodstein, Mike Murphy, John T. Nix and Gerald B. Roberts.

Calvin R. Kennedy, Passing on yellow line, Forfeited \$11.50 cash bond.

Jauonna G. Kidd, Brice P. Thomas, Sr. Running Red light, Forfeited \$11.50 cash bond.

Doylan Washington Improper passing, Forfeited \$11.50 cash bond.

Bobby G. Angel No state vehicle license, Forfeited \$16.50 cash bond.

Tommy L. Bittle Fictitious vehicle license, Forfeited \$16.50 cash bond.

Douglas Williams Hazardous driving Plea guilty, fined \$16.50.

Gary D. Thrasher Reckless driving, Forfeited \$31.50 cash bond.

Travis Bobo, Rayfield Lindsey Assault & Battery Forfeited \$31.50 cash bond.

Parris Dale Ammons Improper use of State vehicle license Forfeited \$31.50 cash bond.

Arthur Lee Ross Disturbing the peace, Plea guilty, fined \$31.50.

James Burton, James McClure, William J. Wallace, Disturbing the peace, Forfeited \$31.50 cash bond.

Lena Mae Agee, Robert Henry Possessing untaxed intoxicating liquor, Plea guilty, fined \$56.50.

Catherine White Shop lifting, Plea guilty, fined \$31.50.

Lee James Hall Failure to answer summons, Forfeited \$26.50 cash bond.

Arthur Lee Ross Failure to answer summons, Plea guilty, fined \$26.50.

STATE DOCKET

Anita Woodby, James S. Woodby Drunkenness Forfeited \$31.15 cash bond.

Leon Taylor No driver's license, Forfeited \$26.15 cash bond.

Deryl D. Eves, William H. Grant, Paul Hare Driving while intoxicated Plea guilty, fined \$136.15 and 1 day in jail.

The following forfeited \$26.15 cash bond on charge of speeding: Glen E. Conshack, Lloyd W. Fields, Billy J. Jenkins, Jerry E. Loveall, James G. Smith, Joe Cornelius, William Harding, George W. Koburick, Charles L. Richardson, Robert B. Wilson, Woodrow D. Neighbors Driving left of center line, Forfeited \$26.15 cash bond.

Thomas D. Harden, Dewey S. Jordan, Robert M. Kidwell, Joe N. Snowden, Alfredo M. Ybarra Improper Passing, Forfeited \$26.15 cash bond.

Noel B. West, Improper passing, \$5.00 fine and \$21.15 costs suspended.

James A. Kennedy, Willie J. Pickens Following too close to another vehicle Forfeited \$26.15 cash bond.

Willie E. Thorton Expired vehicle license Forfeited \$26.15 cash bond.

Kenneth Hamby No oversize permit Forfeited \$26.15 cash bond.

Cal Cheatham Failure to answer summons, Plea guilty, fined \$41.15 cash bond.

Robertson Tank Lines, Inc., Overweight Forfeited \$46.15 cash bond.

James Baser No ACC Authority Forfeited \$121.15 cash bond.

Western Fresh Fruit, William P. Lane, William A. Taylor No ACC Authority, Forfeited \$195.65 cash bond.

CIVIL DOCKET

Mrs. L.C. Collins Vs. Jerry Keith Hempstead Mfg. Co., Garnishee Action for \$6,000 Judgment for Plaintiff by default—Garnishee dismissed.

"I am getting very concerned about the gentleman (Rockefeller) downstairs," the senator said.

Although the bill was beaten, it remained alive when Sen. Thomas Penn of Cave City gave notice that he might bring it up for reconsideration within three days.

There were indications that the measure might be referred to committees for amendment to make it more acceptable.

Before the vote, a rumor spread through the Senate chamber that Rockefeller already had appointed former State Police Director Lynn A. Davis to succeed Scott,

Generation Gap Working in Reverse

SWARTHMORE, Pa. (AP) — The dean of women at Swarthmore College says the generation gap isn't just a case of adults not talking to or understanding young people—it's often the other way around.

Barbara Pearson Lange said the widening generation gap is one of the reasons she's quitting her post at the suburban Philadelphia school after seven years as dean.

When young people say "don't talk to anyone over 30," the 58-year-old dean said, "then people over 50 really haven't a chance to be effective with them."

"There is no difficulty in students coming to talk to me when they have a protest to make. The difficulty is to get them to listen to me and my point of view," she said in an interview by Deborah Oredoff in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

"The technique I have used and I can recommend it to parents—is to listen very carefully and then to use the question method; ask them what they would do if they were me. In other words, get them to play a role," the deansaid.

Dean Lange, sister of columnist Drew Pearson, said despite the widening gap, she felt she still understood young people.

"Once my youngest daughter was out of college," about two years ago, she said, "I felt I no longer had my finger on the pulse of what youth needed or wanted. But that does not mean I feel out of step with today's college students."

Dean Lange, who has six grandchildren, said she has often had to serve as a mediator trying to help parents understand their daughters' points of view.

"I am not sure that young people think we have a great deal of wisdom because we have lived longer and experienced more. They want the freedom to make their own mistakes and then they want you to help them out."

It has been estimated that four-fifths of the earth's animals live in the sea.

The Negro Community

By ESTER HICKS
PHONE 777-4678 or 4474

LET'S REFLECT

Never one thing and seldom one person can make for a success. It takes a number of them merging into one perfect whole. Marie Dressler said it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Y.P.D. of Bethel A.M.E. Church will meet at the church today at 5 p.m. All members are urged to be present.

DEDICATION SERVICES IN PROGRESS

Tonight's service is being sponsored by the young people of Lonoke Baptist Church. Theme: "A Growing Church through Youth Organization." Visiting churches—all youth departments from all churches of the city.

4-H CLUB MEETS

A meeting of the McCaskill 4-H Club was held March 12, 1969 at the Community Center with the president, Gloria Merricks presiding. Devotion was conducted by the song leader, John Wayne Armstrong. The minutes were read by the secretary, Diane Watts. Seventeen members were present and one absent.

Old business included the result of the cake sale. Orders were taken by members of the club, and the cakes were baked by Jackie Stagers, Doris Armstrong, Gloria Merricks, Mrs. Joe Walker and Diane Watts, \$15.00 were reported from the sale.

New business included the election of detectives to protect the 4-H Club chairs which were placed in custody of the club. Those elected were Freddie Stagers, John Wayne Armstrong, and Raymond Wright.

Comments were made by Mrs. Denham about the progress that the club is making. She also mentioned the dog vaccination which will take place in McCaskill Friday. Remarks were made by Miss Ruby Goff, Head of the Foods Department.

The boys' building project was postponed. Two new members, Cynthia King and Patricia King, joined the club. Visitors present included Pearl King, Pamela Johnson, Lee Artis King, Jr., and Jerald Merricks.

The next meeting will be held April 9, 1969, Mrs. Joe Walker, Sponsor; Diane Watts, Reporter.

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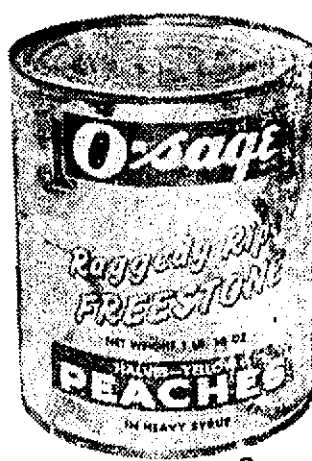
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Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor
Alex. H. Washburn
Development of
Millwood Lake
Just Beginning

Your editor and Capt. Bob Peterson launched their boats in Millwood Lake Wednesday afternoon, stationing them permanently at Joe Clowers' new dock in Cypress Slough at the west end of the dam.

We didn't fish, and hadn't time for much exploring of the lake, this being a shake-down to test engines and boats. For all practical purposes we were a couple of lost dogs on a strange lake - knowing nothing about depths or channels.

Millwood is quite shallow except for the old channel of Little River, and channel markers generally are scarce. I found the same condition on Dardanelle Lake, on the Arkansas River, last year. New lakes are slow to be developed - and the first requirement in development work is the marking of channels so boatmen will know where the safe water is.

This doesn't necessarily apply to fishermen exploring shallow water between standing trees. They have shallow-draft boats and small engines - and happy thousands are jamming Millwood in season. Nevertheless the present marking of Millwood is inadequate for safe recreation, just as it is with Dardanelle - and we've a long way to go on this development.

I can't give you any depth statistics as yet because I was trying out a new depthometer and didn't solve its calibration until the end of the day. I bought it because of conditions I encountered last year on Dardanelle, recognizing that the same conditions exist on present Millwood - requiring an electronic channel-finder.

I used a depth-sounder on an earlier boat and published a lot of statistics about soundings on the Narrows and Lake Ouachita. But the depthometer was a Raytheon with a fixed calibration on a single scale going to 120 feet. The new one is a Jefferson with a double scale which can be switched from 24-foot limit to 250 feet. But the Jefferson has a sensitivity control which has to be "zeroed in."

By that I mean, you drop a weighted line at the dock, determine the depth, then twist the sensitivity knob until the instrument shows that depth. After that the machine should read correctly at all depths.

But I learned this only at the end of the day. I'll tend to the calibration on my next outing - and give you some readings on the big lake that's just a half-hour's drive from Hope, with paved roads all the way.

Peterson was no help with my depthometer. He was having trouble of his own - something about the high-speed jet on his engine's carburetor. He, like I, resolved his trouble just as day ended.

Altogether very much like every shake-down cruise in history.

Missile Plan Hearing Behind Closed Doors

WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate backers of a modified missile defense program opened a traditionally closed committee hearing today in an apparent effort to steal public attention from opponents.

Sen. John Stennis, chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said the antiballistic missile - ABM - project should be "fully explained to the American people" at the hearing on defense funds.

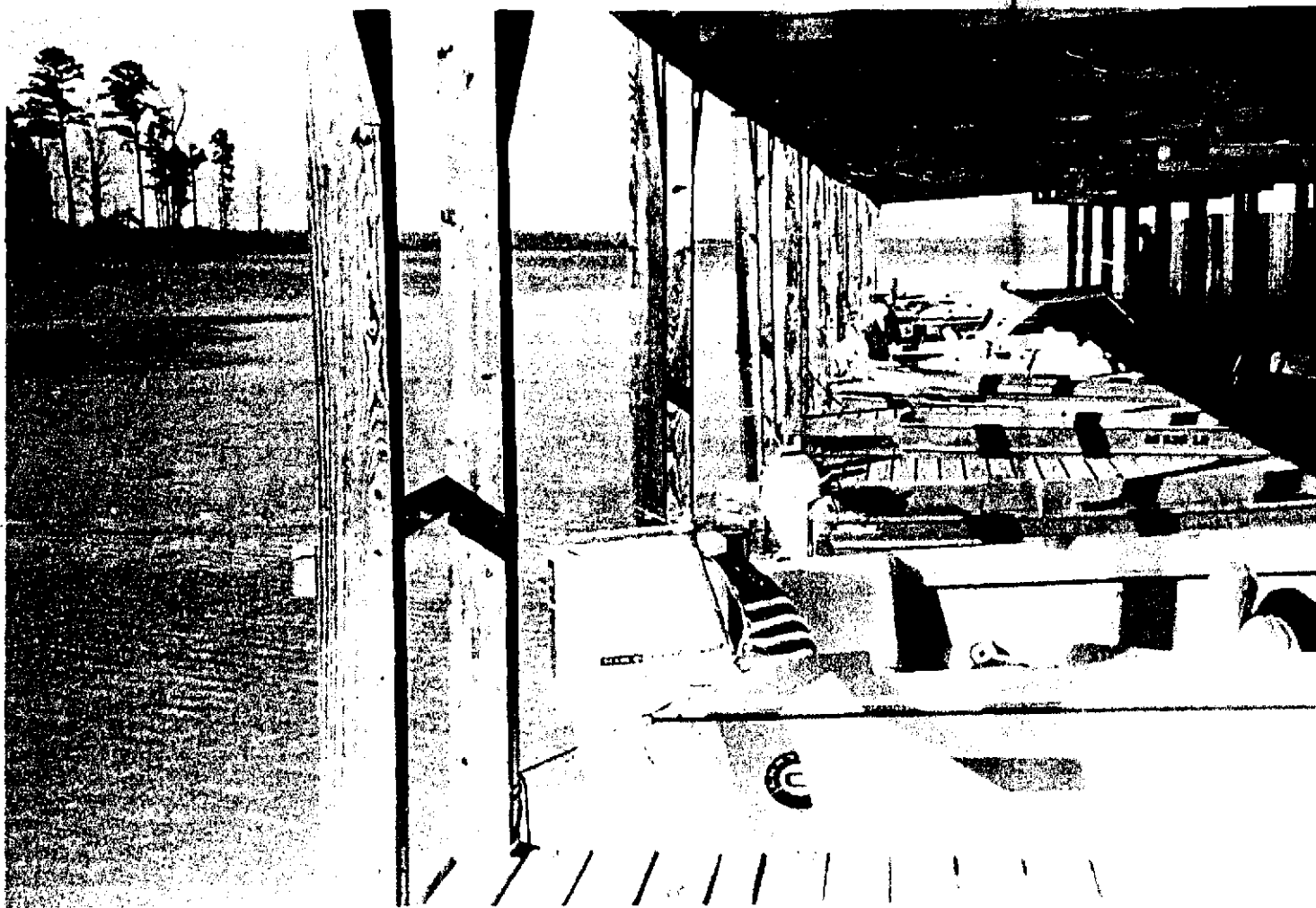
The Mississippi Democrat's action in opening testimony by Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird to the public came as opponents expected two days of having center stage all to themselves.

Boy of Year Announced

WASHINGTON (AP) - Perry Joseph Ludy of Oxnard, Calif., has been named 1969 Boy of the Year by the Boys Clubs of America.

Ludy, 17, a Negro, received an award plaque and citation from President Nixon at a White House ceremony Wednesday.

Millwood's First Commercial Dock Opens With a 'Full House' of Boats in Its Slips



- Hope (Ark.) Star photos

Thinks Gloomy Report on War Means Nixon Should Renew Efforts

By JACK BELL
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) - Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield, who has tried to restrain critics of President Nixon's war policies, now says the administration's "gloomy report" on Vietnam points up the need for increased presidential efforts to end the fighting.

Mansfield said in an interview that testimony Wednesday by Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird before a closed session of the Senate Armed Services Committee implied the administration is "planning for two

more years of war."

"If that is so," the Democratic leader said, "it calls for greater, more concentrated and more private efforts at Paris to bring this war to an end."

Muted as Mansfield's criticism was it marked the first departure from his stand announced when Nixon took office of not attacking the President on Vietnam in order to allow him time to formulate his own policies.

Previously, Mansfield had refused to join such congressional doves as Sens. J. W. Fulbright and George S. McGovern who opened up recently on Nixon's handling of the war.

Laird, whose second appearance before the committee today was in open session, said Wednesday that military experts had told him an additional two years would be required before there could be satisfactory pacification of the Vietnamese countryside.

Sen. John Stennis, D-Miss., chairman of the committee said he hopes the overall military forecasts are in error.

"If that's correct," he said, "we're there for a long, long time."

Complains About Discrimination

NEW YORK (AP) - Richard F. Read has complained to the state Division of Human Rights that the loss of his job as a beauty parlor hairdresser was a case of sex discrimination.

In a petition filed Wednesday by his lawyer, Read said he was fired when the salon was purchased by a woman who told him she did not hire males to dress hair.

Joe Clowers this week opened Millwood Lake's first commercial dock in its new location in Cypress Slough, at the west end of the dam, near the Corps of Engineers headquarters building.

All the permanent rental slips were occupied when these pictures were made Wednesday, but Mr. Clowers is building a second battery of slips for his rent boats, to be tied to the existing construction at the left of the office structure, shown at left of top photograph - and some of these additional slips will be rented upon application. Mr. Clowers may be seen personally at the dock, or reached by mail at Box 11, Saratoga, Ark.

TOP PHOTO shows the broad view of the dock looking eastward toward the open lake, with the dam out of the picture on the right. Note the "Beard's Bluff" Landing identification painted on the rent boats beached in the foreground. Mr. Clowers' original location was in open water at Beard's Bluff, but after spending \$5,000 constructing a floating breakwater he discovered the wind was too much and persuaded the Corps of Engineers to reverse its original decision and permit him to relocate in the landlocked and protected Cypress Slough, where he is now in business.

BOTTOM PHOTO shows 24 privately-owned boats berthed in the covered slips, which will be 28 when last two slips are completed.

Post Office Opening at Emmet

Postmaster Charles B. Ward has announced that the Emmet Post Office is accepting applications for civil service examinations to fill future vacancies in that office.

He emphasizes that vacancies in his substitute clerk and carrier roster will be filled without regard to race, creed, color, sex or national origin. Starting pay for these positions is \$2.95 an hour with automatic yearly increases in pay. The Post Office offers up to twenty-six (26) days a year vacation, thirteen (13) days a year sick leave; an excellent retirement plan; group health and life insurance; plus other benefits. No experience is needed - applications may be obtained from the Post Office during business hours.

Mrs. Ike Has Lost Weight

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, saying she has lost 15 pounds during the long vigil by her husband's bedside, reports the former president "has some good days and some bad ones."

Mrs. Eisenhower said that last Saturday was a particularly bad day for her husband, hospitalized by repeated heart attacks since May.

"I didn't take my clothes off for 30 hours," she commented as she appeared at her second fashion show in two days Wednesday.

Doctors at Walter Reed Army Hospital, in their last report on the former president about a week ago, said he was progressing well in his recovery from major intestinal surgery and later pneumonia.

Mrs. Eisenhower has spent most of the past 10 months in a hospital suite near her husband.

Ray Wants His Trial Reopened

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - James Earl Ray wants the judge to reopen the Martin Luther King Jr. murder case, void his plea of guilty and give him a trial by jury.

Ray's intention to seek a new hearing was stated in a letter he wrote from his cell in the state penitentiary to Judge W. Preston Battle, who on March 10 accepted the guilty plea and imposed a 99-year sentence.

"He said he's going to file a postconviction petition and get a lawyer," Judge Battle said Wednesday in disclosing receipt of the letter. "If he does, then we'll have an evidentiary hearing."

Such a hearing would give Ray a chance to show that his legal rights were impaired to the extent that a new start in the case is warranted.

Expressing no surprise at Ray's move, Judge Battle commented: "Everybody does it." Petitions from prisoners have flooded the courts in recent years in the wake of Supreme Court decisions more sharply delineating the pretrial rights of accused persons.

Percy Foreman, the lawyer who advised Ray to plead guilty and who says his connection with the prisoner is now ended,

See RAY WANTS
(on page two)

Legislature Expense Vote Just Misses

By ED SHEARER
Associated Press Writer
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - A ruling by Speaker Hayes McClerkin of Texarkana that voided three votes stymied an attempt in the Arkansas House Wednesday to pass a bill appropriating an expense account for members of the General Assembly.

McClerkin tossed out the votes because two representatives, Ode Maddox of Oden and James Linder of West Helena, had been recorded as voting for the bill twice.

The speaker had originally ruled that the bill passed 75-21, but he immediately disallowed one of Maddox' vote. His action on Linder's vote came as Rep. George Nowtney of Fort Smith was preparing a statement for the House journal contesting the vote on the bill, which required 75 votes for passage.

Meanwhile, the Senate attempted to break the impasse over the cigarette tax proposal by reducing from five cents to four cents the per package increase contained in the House version of the measure.

The House brought the expense bill back to the floor.

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All Around Town

By The Star Staff

The Arkansas Highway Department announced today that the section of Interstate 30 between Hope and Texarkana (closed for the past couple of weeks) has been repaired and the crew has moved to the westbound section to make additional repairs. . . . so now you can go from here to Fulton and have to take Old Highway 67 from there to take I-30 over pass but you can return from Texarkana to Fulton on I-30.

There will be a joint meeting of the Paisley, Brookwood, Garland and Beryl Henry PTAs on Friday, March 21 from 2 to 3:15 p.m. . . . Mrs. Irene Puckett of Monticello will be the guest speaker.

An exhibit of impressive art by outstanding students at Stephen F. Austin College will be held from March 17 through April 6 at a Gallery at 107 S. Church St., Nacogdoches, Texas . . . the seven exhibitors include Danny Clements, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clements of Hope.

Cecil McCormack has entered the University Hospital at Little Rock . . . he is in Room 6060 N, VA Hospital, Little Rock.

Larry Don Thrash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Thrash of Hope, is among the 15,500 students enrolled for the spring semester classes at Memphis State University. . . . he is working on his master's degree.

AP News Digest

VIETNAM

About 350 Americans died in action in Vietnam last week, pushing the battlefield dead past 10,000 in the 10 months since the Paris talks began.

Sen. Mike Mansfield, who has tried to restrain criticism of President Nixon's war policies, now says the administration's "gloomy report" on Vietnam points up the need for increased presidential efforts to end the fighting.

ANGUILLA

British paratroopers broil in the Caribbean sun; Anguilla is quiet under military occupation.

WASHINGTON

The new Pentagon leadership has all but shot down the FBI's strategic bomber former defense chief Robert S. McNamara insisted would be a good replacement for aging B52s.

Senate backers of the modified sentinel system open a traditionally closed committee hearing in an effort to steal the public's attention from opponents of the missile defense system.

Otto Otepka's Senate backers in his fight with his State Department bosses indicate his appointment to the Subversive Activities Control Board is a triumph for justice.

INTERNATIONAL

Peru seizes two more U.S. tuna boats but releases them after their captains pay \$25,000 in fines.

NATIONAL

An FBI agent among the passengers subdues and captures a would-be hijacker after an airliner lands for refueling before heading to Cuba.

Judge W. Preston Battle says he's not surprised at James Earl Ray's request to withdraw his plea of guilty and stand trial for the killing of Martin Luther King Jr. "Everybody does it," the judge says.

Once aroused to fury by suggestions he was mentally ill, Sirhan Sirhan now sits quietly as psychologists say he is sick and getting sicker.

Man Trying to Hijack Plane Disarmed

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A gunman who had ordered a flight to Cuba was disarmed and arrested aboard an airliner by an FBI agent among the passengers when the plane landed her to refuel.

As the agent, big, graying John Reed, struggled with the would-be hijacker, the man's .22-caliber pistol went off, but the bullet ricocheted off the floor without hitting anybody.

The FBI identified the gunman as Douglas Alton Dickey, 27, and said documents in his possession showed he was born in Casa Grande, Ariz. He was held on a federal charge of air piracy, which carries a maximum penalty of death.

Robert E. Rightmyer, agent in charge of the New Orleans FBI office, said Dickey boarded the plane, Delta Airlines Flight 918, Wednesday night at Dallas.

Russia and China Swap Charges

By MICHAEL JOHNSON
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MOSCOW (AP) - Communist China has been selling war materials to the United States for use in Vietnam, a Soviet newspaper charged today.

The newspaper Sovetskaya Rossiya (Soviet Russia), reprinted a report from a Ceylonese newspaper that the U.S. 7th Fleet "bought from Hong Kong firms secretly controlled by Peking a consignment of various goods and 15 transport barges which were then shipped to South Vietnam."

Two Soviet correspondents reported in another newspaper that Soviet warplanes and tanks are operating near the disputed island where Russian and Chinese troops have clashed three times this month.

The border area around the island known to the Russians as Damansky and to the Chinese as Chenpao has been reported generally quiet since the last major clash a week ago.

Sovetskaya Rossiya and Moscow Radio also claimed that special trains are transferring large numbers of farmers and skilled workers from Moscow and other parts of European Russia to the Far Eastern frontier.

The reports hint that salaries and living conditions will be considerably improved for persons willing to make the journey, apparently to reinforce Russian's hold on the thinly settled border lands claimed by China.

Americans Lose 351 in Week of War

By GEORGE ESPER
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SAIGON (AP) - The U.S. Command announced today that 351 Americans were killed in action in Vietnam last week, pushing the total of U.S. battlefield dead to 10,112 in the 10 months since the Paris peace talks began and to 33,063 in more than eight years of war.

The American toll last week was 15 more than the previous week's total and raised the number of Americans killed in the first three weeks of the Viet Cong's spring offensive to 1,140, only 240 less than the 1,380 U.S. troops reported killed during the eight weeks of 1969 prior to the offensive.

If the current casualty rate continues the total of American dead in the Vietnam war will exceed the Korean war toll of 33,629 by the end of this month. More Americans then will have been killed in Vietnam than in any other war in U.S. history except the Civil War and the two world wars.

The U.S. Command said 1,401 Americans were wounded last week, compared with 1,694 the week before.

South Vietnamese casualties were 325 killed and 1,156 wounded, up from 259 and 1,058 the previous week, the government said. Despite the mounting allied casualties, the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese were paying a far heavier price for their offensive.

U.S. headquarters said 4,137 of the enemy were killed last week, bringing the total enemy dead to at least 119,100 since the Paris talks began last May and to at least 465,479 since the United States entered the war on Jan. 1, 1961.

The enemy toll for the first three weeks of the offensive is 15,099 dead according to allied figures.

As the enemy's offensive rolled into its 26th day with no end in sight, U.S. headquarters reported about 30 rocket and mortar attacks on allied bases and towns Wednesday night. For the second night, the chief target was Da Nang, South Vietnam's second largest city and a major military base.

U.S. spokesmen said more than 20 rounds of 100-pound rockets and mortars hit two buildings at the U.S. Navy's Camp Tien Sha, a Navy cargo loading pier, a Seabee base, a Navy hospital and a Marine air base.